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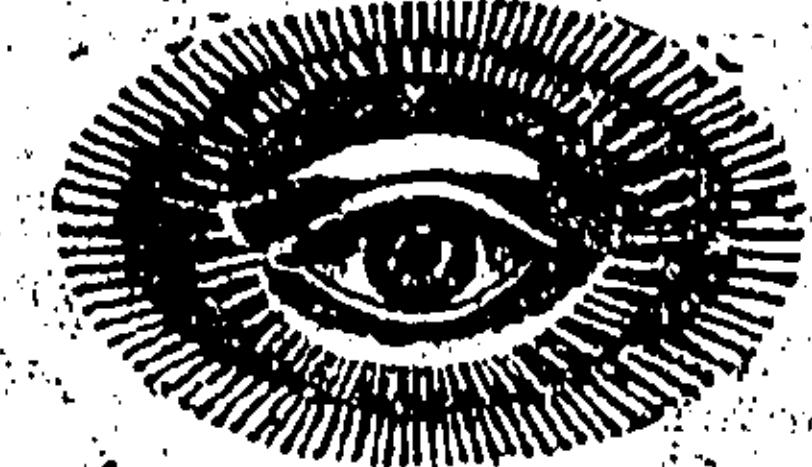
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GIRL ACQUITTED.

Saiwan Murder Case Concludes.

JURY UNANIMOUS.

Victim Of Conspiracy To Shield A Man?

The jury brought in an unanimous verdict of "Not Guilty" at the conclusion this morning of the hearing of the charge against a little "mu tsai" of the murder of her seventy-six years old mistress at Saiwan, Cheung Chau on December 21.

At the outset of this morning's hearing, Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor addressed the jury on behalf of the prosecution laying stress on the different statements made by prisoner at varying stages of the case. In the first report to the neighbour she had referred to two robbers assaulting the old woman and later she had implicated the man Yip Choi who had subsequently been charged and dismissed. The first house at which she stated she gave the alarm was some way away from the scene of the murder and there were huts in between.

Counsel suggested that from the evidence it was clear that prisoner did actually call in one of the huts before giving the alarm at the neighbour's house subsequently and that there she gave the murdered woman's head ornament to a man named Wong.

In conclusion, the Crown solicitor referred to the bloodstains found on the prisoner's jacket, to the finding of two bloodstained choppers and to the hearing of the old woman's cries by the two witnesses who had deposed to her having called the prisoner's name and begged her not to strike her.

Case For Defence.

In addressing the jury for the prisoner, Mr. Instone Brewer, in dealing with the changes in the prisoner's statements, suggested that at first the prisoner had endeavoured, acting on instructions from Yip Choi's brother, to shield Yip Choi by alleging that there were two robbers, leaving the head ornament with Wong to make it appear that robbery was the motive and by smearing with blood the chopper which was subsequently found in addition to the one lying beside the body. When, subsequently, she gained confidence with the knowledge of police protection she had given the true story.

Counsel suggested that prisoner was the victim of a conspiracy to conceal the identity of Yip Choi and stated that the absence of the two witnesses who had previously deposed to the prisoner having called at their hut on the night of the crime and confessed to the murder of the old woman (one of these witnesses being the brother of Yip Choi), went to prove that they had been deliberately trying to shield someone and that they had fled rather than face cross-examination with the possibility of the true story being proved against them.

The Cry At Night.

Counsel suggested that it was unlikely that a person attacked in the manner in which the old woman must have been would have called out the name of the attacker and suggested that the old woman, having been awakened by movements of a man in the house, had been attacked by the man and had called on the "mu tsai's" name instinctively.

With regard to prisoner's having given the alarm at a neighbour's house some distance away and omitted to call at several huts on the way, counsel asked if it was not natural for a girl so late at night to go to the first house where she knew there was a married woman rather than call at the huts where she knew there were only bachelors or the coolie type.

Judge's Summing-Up.

In the course of a lengthy summing-up, His Honour Mr. Justice J. R. Wood gave his reasons for holding that he did not think the jury could find that the prisoner's statement regarding the choppers was true and suggested that there were more reasons for not accepting the whole of the prisoner's story as told finally. The first stories were admittedly not true. The first might be explained as an attempt to protect her lover but the second could not be so explained.

As the two witnesses who had left Cheung Chau and were

GOVT. SERVANTS.

Supplementary Vote For Hong Kong.

LOSS ON EXCHANGE.

Commons Passes £15,613 To Make Good Pay Differences.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons a supplementary vote of £15,613 was agreed upon to make good the loss due to the fall of exchange in the pay of Government servants in Hong Kong.—Reuter.

On inquiry at the local Treasury, the "China Mail" was informed that this vote had nothing to do with the Hong Kong Government whose servants are paid locally and in respect of whom no such call could be made on the Commons. The vote must refer to the salaries of servants under the administration of the Admiralty who, in the event of loss due to fall in exchange, would have recourse to Parliament.—Reuter.

MOTOR GARAGES.

REQUIREMENTS OF POLICE PERMITS.

SUMMONSES ADJOURNED.

At "traffic time" in Major C. Wilson's Court this morning, eleven cases were mentioned in which owners of garages were summoned for storing cars in the premises without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police.

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for ten of the defendants and Mr. Horace Lo for the other.

The cases were adjourned from last week when Mr. Loseby inquired as to the definition of a garage and contended that there was no clause in the Ordinance covering the requirements imposed by the police conditional to the issuing of permits.

Difficult Position.

When the cases were again mentioned this morning, Mr. Loseby said that he had spoken to the C.S.P. on the matter and the latter, rather than there should be adverse decisions on either side, has agreed that an application be made for the summonses to be adjourned sine die.

Counsel said that this was because of the difficult position in which the defendants were placed: If they were to comply with the requirements immediately it would cost them many hundreds of dollars.

Issued Conditionally.

Permits, Mr. Loseby said, will therefore be issued conditional upon the requirements being complied within a certain period at the end of which time, if the defendants failed to carry out the work, they could be proceeded against.

The Magistrate granted the application and adjourned sine die the summonses against Mr. Loseby's clients as well as the defendant represented by Mr. Lo.

COUNCIL MEETING.

INCREASE IN PUBLICAN'S LICENCES.

"SPECIAL OCCASIONS."

The Legislative Council is to meet on Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

A motion, included in the agenda, is to be moved by the Colonial-Secretary, as follows:

That the scale of fees payable for Publican's licences shall be altered and increased, in respect of each and every extension of the hours of business granted by the Captain Superintendent of Police in respect of any occasion deemed by him to be a "special occasion," in accordance with the following scale:

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And further the consequential amendments (in connection with the above alterations) be made to the Schedule of fees set forth in the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911.

The result of the conferences, the Kuo Min news agency reports, was entirely successful, and a decisive step forward in the programme of the unification of na-

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/6 3/16.

SOVIET "PEACE."

Disarmament Convention Draft.

THE TERMS.

Complete And General Disarmament In Four Years.

Moscow, Yesterday. The draft disarmament convention sent to the League of Nations aims at a general and complete disarmament within four years, a 50 per cent. demobilisation in the first year, the destruction of all stores and arms, the abolition of all the most important naval armaments and air forces and all war institutions. In the following three years a permanent international commission will be in control with commission in each country. Regional commissions will be charged with the execution of the convention by representatives of the legislatures and public organisations. The "toiling class" will sit on the commissions.—Reuter.

DRAFT OF RUSSIAN PROPOSALS.

Submitted By Soviet.

Geneva, Yesterday. The sittings of the committee of arbitration and security have opened.

The Soviet representative, who was present as an observer, submitted to the League Secretariat a draft convention of general disarmament based on the proposals of Litvinoff in December last.

EARL OF ERROLL.

SUDDEN DEATH FROM HEART FAILURE.

DIPLOMATIC POSTS.

London, Yesterday. It is announced from Koblenz that the Earl of Erroll died suddenly from heart failure. Formerly Lord Kilmarnock, he had held the position of British High Commissioner on the Inter-allied Rhineland Commission since 1921. He became Charge d'affaires in Berlin on the resumption of diplomatic relations with Germany after the war.—British Wireless Service.

The late Earl of Erroll was the 20th of the line and was born on October 17, 1876. He was the eldest son of the 19th Earl and Mary, daughter of Edmund and Lady Harriett L'Estrange. He married in 1900, Mary Lucy Victoria, only daughter of Sir Allan Mackenzie, of Aberdeenshire and had two sons, one of whom is dead. His heir is Lord Kilmarnock.

The declared intention of the issue is to obtain funds to secure the notes issued by the Central Bank of China, which are now quoted at from 30 to 35 per cent. of face value.

Previous treasury note issues at Canton have not been popular. However, it has not been stated that the Canton Government has decided on the issue.

volt against the "Christian General" was not as serious as made out.

A great deal depends on Shansi province. The majority of the Peking Generals suggest throwing in their whole weight against Shansi first, so as to clear the way for operations against the Nationalists and the Kuomintang. The section which prefers peace with Shansi is gaining favour and Peking may yet come to terms with Shansi. A representative of Shansi was present at the Kai-feng conference but he seems to have taken only a minor part in the council-of-war.

Canton's Enemies Assemble.

Further victories for the Wu-Han Nationalists (friends of Canton because they oppose Nanking) are reported. Several units of Hunan troops (who profess allegiance to Chiang Kai-shek) are said to have surrendered to the Wu-Han Nationalists in Hunan and the west of Hupeh.

In another part of South China (the south of Kiangsi province), former enemies of Canton are assembling, these including the remnants of the Ironsides, an independent division of Cantonese, and some ex-Whampoa Cadets, the latter having left Kwangtung when Li Chai-sim returned to power.

FINANCE RELATIONS.

Soong & Chekiang Provincial Government.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance of the Nationalist Government, has returned to Shanghai from Hangchow after completing a series of conferences there on the financial relations between the Chekiang provincial authorities and the Nationalist Government. These relations were indefinite during the two preceding administrations, causing disorganisation of national finance.

After the summering-up, the jury retired at 12.40, returning at 1.05 p.m.

The foreman of the jury announced that their unanimous verdict was "Not Guilty".

His Honour: The jury have unanimously found you "Not Guilty", you are discharged.

Prisoner was immediately allowed to leave the Court.

COMBINED ATTACK.

Nationalists' Plan of Campaign.

PEKING DESIRES PEACE?

Movements Of Principal Chinese Armies.

Having arrived at tangible results at the Kai-feng conference, Chiang Kai-shek (Generalissimo of the Nanking Nationalist Army) and his ally, General Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General"), commander-in-chief of the Kuomintang, have decided to renew the offensive against Peking.

Briefly, the plans announced by the Nationalist allies are:—Chiang Kai-shek and the Nationalist forces to move up the Tientsin-Pukow Railway; The "Christian General" to move up the Peking-Hankow Railway with two smaller columns on each side.

Peace With Shansi?

The Nationalist allies have been attacking from between 400 and 300 miles south of Peking with varying degrees of success. Then the Kuomintang retired because of supposed revolt in the rear, but later reports show that this re-

CHANGING ITALY.

New Electoral Reform Bill.

TAX EXEMPTIONS.

State Officials And Heads Of Large Families.

Rome, Yesterday. Mussolini has approved the Electoral Reform Bill under which the kingdom will form a single electoral college of deputies to the number of 400 candidates, to be proposed by 13 large national corporations and other organisations important to national life. The names will be examined by the Grand Council of Fascism, which is empowered to add to those selected names of people distinguished in science, literature, art and politics.

Mussolini's Proposal. The Council has also adopted a proposal of Mussolini exempting from taxes the fathers or heads of numerous families or dependants who are employed by the State. The same exemption is granted to other male adults employed by the State on whom 10 or more male children and dependents.

Should more than half of the votes be in favour of the proposed list, the Court of Appeal which will have charge of polling will declare the list approved and proclaim as elected all candidates in the list.

Should more than half of the votes be against the list, it will not be approved. Parity in voting will mean approval of the list.—Reuter.

PAN-AMERICANISM.

REORGANISATION OF UNION DEMANDED.

THE GOVERNING BOARD.

Havana, Yesterday. The heads of all delegations have signed the convention for the reorganisation of the Pan-American Union in respect of its governing board and general activities.

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BIG ICE JAM.

Moscow, Yesterday. A large ice jam occurred on the Kuban River, near Krasnodar, where 80,000 acres were flooded. The waters are rising and the situation is dangerous.—Reuter.

international finance has been achieved.

Principal Results. The principal results of these conferences were:

1.—All national taxes which have been detained by the Chekiang provincial authorities are immediately placed under the control of the Ministry of Finance of the Nationalist Government. These include the revenues accruing from the Opium Suppression Bureau and the tax on reclaimed lands and fisheries.

2.—The Chekiang Treasury agrees to increase its contribution to the Nationalist Treasury out of provincial revenues from \$60,000 to \$700,000 monthly and will subscribe to the amount of \$2,000,000 of the new 2½ per cent. surtax bonds.

3.—The Chekiang Provincial Government will abandon the projected provincial business taxes on cigarettes and kerosene and agrees not to levy any additional tax on these two articles.

REDS EXECUTED.

Nationalists Continue Campaign.

Hankow, Yesterday. A further twenty-nine alleged Communists were executed yesterday. Others are being held for trial while wholesale arrests continue. The campaign, if anything, is more intensive than before.—Reuter.

[Note: The Wu-Han Nationalists supposedly in opposition to Nanking, are in control at Hankow. Red activities were reported yesterday from Sifang and Kienli, towns further up the Yangtze.]

Canton Vigilance.

The Canton authorities are still maintaining vigilance against Red suspects and further arrests have been reported.

INDUSTRY UPSET.

Premier And Rubber Traders.

MORE ASSURANCES.

Association Asks For No Changes Until October 31.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. Baldwin said he had received a communication from the Rubber Trade Association in regard to allowing the present restriction scheme to remain in force until October 31.

He pointed out that in accordance with the notice issued by the Colonial Office on February 1 the scheme could not be changed for three months from that date and gave an assurance that when the Government took a decision on the

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Connaught Road, on FRIDAY, the
24th February, 1928, at 11 o'clock
a.m. for the purpose of receiving
a Statement of Accounts and the
Report of the General Managers for
the year ended 31st December, 1927,
and electing a Consulting
Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
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THURSDAY, 16th February, 1928,
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SHewan, Tomes & Co.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 15th Feb., 1928.

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receiving the Report of the Court
of Directors together with a State-
ment of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1927.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of
the Corporation will be CLOSED
from MONDAY, the 19th February
to SATURDAY the 25th February,
1928 (both days inclusive) during
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By Order of the Court of
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A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1928.

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DAY, the 29th February, 1928, AT
NOON, for the purpose of receiv-
ing the Report of the Directors and
the Statement of Accounts for the
year ended December 31st, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1928
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By Order of the Board of
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PIRACY ECHO.

POLICE ARRIVE IN NICK OF TIME.

FU-TAU MUN AFFAIR.

An echo of the piracy of a junk near Fu Tau Mun pass, the sudden arrival of the police, the chase of the pirates inland and the capture of three men after a running fight was heard at the Criminal Sessions this morning before Sir H. C. Gollan, Chief Justice, when three Chinese were charged with having stolen money, cargo and valuables from the junk to the total value of over \$2,000.

Another Chinese was charged with being accessory after the fact.

Prisoners pleaded not guilty.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. H. S. Fitzroy.

From the evidence it appeared that the robbers attacked the junk by means of a smaller vessel as the trading junk was approaching Fu Tau Mun after having passed Waglan. They opened fire on those

board and forced them to leave the deck whereupon several men boarded, imprisoned the master and crew below, took the junk to Joss House Bay, unloaded the cargo which certain members of the gang took away in the attacking junk and then took from the crew and passengers all articles of value.

In the meantime, the Police having received information as to what was afoot, a party under Inspector Murphy hastened to the spot and arrived as the remaining pirates were leaving and making inland. A running fight ensued in the course of which one man was killed and the three prisoners arrested.

The case is proceeding.

OPIUM ON "LOONGSANG."

A fine of \$3,000 or, in default, six months' hard labour was passed by Mr. R. E. Lindall at the Central Magistracy this morning on a Chinese who was charged with the unlawful possession of 40 tails of prepared non-Government opium on board the s.s. "Loongsang." The drug was confiscated.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAYS ARRIVALS AND
DEPARTURES.THIS MORNING'S RETURN.
Hin Sang (1,885) British, from Sandakan, J. M. & Co.—27 passengers, 3,996 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Talma (6,164) British, from Calcutta, Singapore—McLennan MacKenzie—1,122 passengers, 1,453 tons general cargo for Hong Kong. 6,099 tons general (through).

Siestan (1,571) British, from Holloway, Fpo Nam Co.—930 passengers, cargo nil.

Natice (3,899) British, from San Pedro, Yokohama—A.P. Co.—6,948 tons general cargo for Hong Kong. Hupeh (1,205) British, from Shanghai, Amoy—B. & S.—2 passengers, 690 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 850 tons general (through).

New Mathilde (842) British, from Haiphong, Hoioh, Yik Tai Co.—404 passengers, 900 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Pres. Jackson (8,377) American, from Manila—American Mail—162 passengers, 546 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,000 tons general (through).

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AMAZON MARU Friday, 9th March.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town. Saturday, 24th March.
HAWAII MARU Saturday, 24th March.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo. Saturday, 24th March.
CELEBES MARU (Calls at Karachi) Monday, 5th March.
INDUS MARU (Calls at Penang) ... Thursday, 15th March.
BORNEO MARU (Calls at Penang) ... Monday, 19th March.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo. Friday, 2nd March.
PANAMA MARU Friday, 2nd March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon. Saturday, 25th February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports. ALABAMA MARU (Calls at Shanghai) ... Monday, 5th March.
HAIPHONG—Via Hoioh & PAKHOL. TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 28th Feb. 10 a.m.
MENADJO MARU Tuesday, 13th Mar. 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japanese ports, San Francisco & Panama. HAIVE MARU Sunday, 26th February.
JAPAN PORTS. BATAVIA MARU Wednesday, 22nd February.
YEIKOU MARU Tuesday, 28th Feb.
AMUN MARU Monday, 12th March.
KEEL, CT. V. SWATOW & AMOY. ROZAN MARU Sunday, 26th Feb. 11 a.m.
KAIJO MARU Sunday, 4th Mar. 11 a.m.
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Tonje (1,949) Norwegian, from Chinwangtao—Dowdell & Co.—4,551 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Sodigaura Maru (830) Japanese, from Canton—Sato & Co.—cargo nil.

Kanagawa Maru (8,669) Japanese, from B. Aires, Singapore.

N.Y.K.—171 passengers, 46 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

1,244 tons general (through).

Shun Lee (934) Chinese, from Dairen, Tsingtao—Ching Kee—

1,050 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 500 tons general (through).

Shih Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao—Hoo Hing—30 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

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British 6 27

Japanese 2 3 10

Norwegian 1 0 8

Chinese 2 3 16

French 1 0 2

American 1 1 1

Dutch 0 0 5

Portuguese 0 0 2

Panama 0 0 1

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TWO DEATHS.

The master of the s.s. "Talma" (British) reports to the Harbour Master that while on a voyage from Calcutta and Singapore, one person died as the result of heart failure, and in another case a Chinese succumbed to chicken pox.

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MALIPORE	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALIPORE	5,273	7th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
ASHMIR	8,485	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MIRZAPORE	0,715	18th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KARMALE	0,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,046	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
TAIGRAPE	5,283	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,063	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
ASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,086	26th May	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,007	9th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NOVARA	6,080	16th June	Marseilles & London
RANIPURA	16,601	23rd June	Marseilles & London
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MIRZAPORE	6,715	24th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
KALYAN	9,144	24th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
YONGCOURT	16,504	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKLIMA	7,936	2nd Mar.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
YAGPURA	5,283	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MANTUA	10,946	10th Mar.	Shanghai
LAHORE	5,252	19th Mar.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MORFA	10,953	30th Mar.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
JEYPORE	5,318	10th Apr.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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DELTA	8,007	11th May	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
RANIPURA	16,601	25th May	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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The holding up of the China
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to public notice misfortunes which
the officers and crews of the Com-
pany's fleet hitherto have borne in
silence.

Briefly put, there are about 170
foreigners, deck officers and en-
gineers in the Company's employ
British, Norwegian and Russian;
the majority, as well as the Chinese
crews, have received no pay for
three months; a few have been
paid up to the end of November;
some are in arrears for many
months. When the October salaries
were not paid, it was represented
to the officers that the Company's
position was momentarily difficult,
and they readily agreed to wait for
that month. With the same sense
of loyalty, they have sought no
publicity and it is only the case of
the "Kwanglee", which has brought
the matter into light and requires
some public representation to be
made in their behalf.

For as the months have drifted by
and arrears have mounted up,
the hardships endured have become
great. One man has a wife and
child in hospital and would have
been turned out of his boarding
house but for assistance from his
consul. Another has had his gas
cut off. All have, however, metaphorically,
tightened their belts.

Representations to the Company.

On Dec. 13 a letter was written
to the Company emphasising "the
hardship imposed on employees,
who, in many instances have served
the Company faithfully and well
for a great many years", but,
though "only with the greatest
reluctance" and in view of the
increasing costs of living,

"they cannot agree to the exist-
ing state of affairs continuing
any longer, especially as your
ships are presumably earning
quite large dividends."

The Company replied on Dec. 16,
denying that large dividends were
being earned: "In fact, the earnings
of our ships are far below their
required expenditure." However,
this was not offered as excuse for
the delayed pay, which the
Company much regretted and which
it was doing its utmost to remedy.

A further letter sent to the
Company on Dec. 23 urged that it
would be greatly appreciated

"if your Directors could see their
way to make some announcement,
advising of a definite date upon
which payment of the salaries in
arrears can be definitely expect-
ed."

No answer, however, was received.

A Promise and the Result.
Shortly before China New Year,
the traditional time for settling all
debts, a representative body of
officers went to the China
Merchants' offices to ask what was
being done about pay and to insist
that they could wait no longer.

They were informed that the
Company had then practically completed
arrangements to raise money on a
piece of its land and they were
promised that all salaries would be
paid up to date by the New Year.

Naturally satisfied with this, the
men went away. But all they
received was a lump sum which
divided up between them, came to
a little less all round than their
October salaries. The officers and
Chinese crew of the "Kwanglee"

have been paid for November and
two or three more individuals.
The great majority are three months
in arrears and apparently going on to
four.

A few days ago appeal was made
to the British and Norwegian Consul-
lates (the luckless Russians have

no one to represent them, though
they would be left out when the glad
day of settlement came) and through
their representations have

been made to the Chinese Com-
missioner for Foreign Affairs, who has
very readily agreed to do what he
can in the matter. There at present
it stands.

Question of Ships' Earnings.

A word must be said on that
point that "the ships are presumably
earning quite large dividends"
which the Company denies. Nobody
in or out of the shipping world is
ignorant that the China Merchants
have been through hard times. A
year ago they had to tie up all
their ships for a few weeks owing
to the Communists' exactions and
the Company must have had to put
up with a good deal of enforced
inactivity.

On the other hand, no man knows
better than the Captain of a ship
what she is earning in cargo. For
ten weeks last summer when the
C. N. S. ships were laid up by the
strike, there were large demands
on other lines for space, and for
several weeks past now there has
certainly been no lack of profitable
cargoes. If a ship is known to be
carrying cargo to Canton, that
earns her, say, ten or twelve thousand

300 DROWNED.

STEAMERS COLLIDE OFF
CHINKIANG.

DEATHS FROM EXPOSURE.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The Chinese steamer, "Hsin
Taming" collided with the Japanese
steamer "Atsuta Maru" off
Chinkiang on Saturday night.

It is reported that 300 Chinese
were drowned.—Reuter.

Later.
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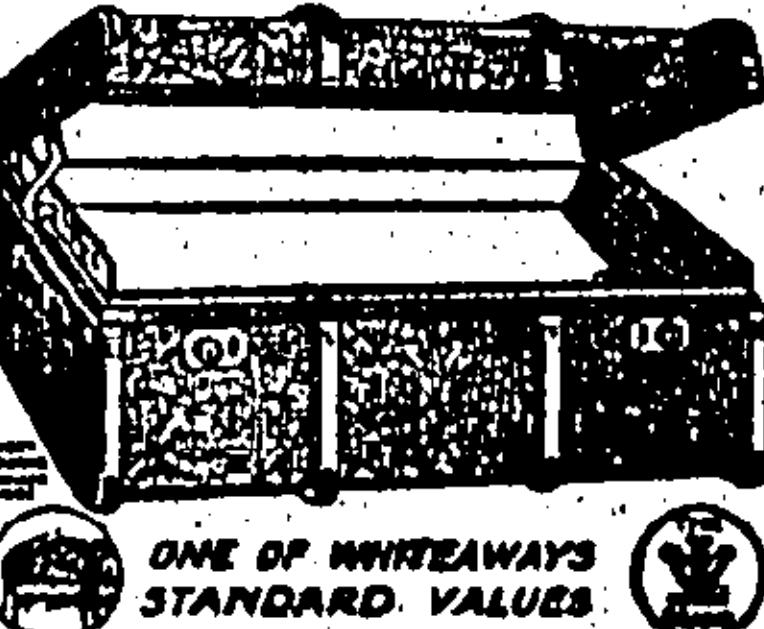
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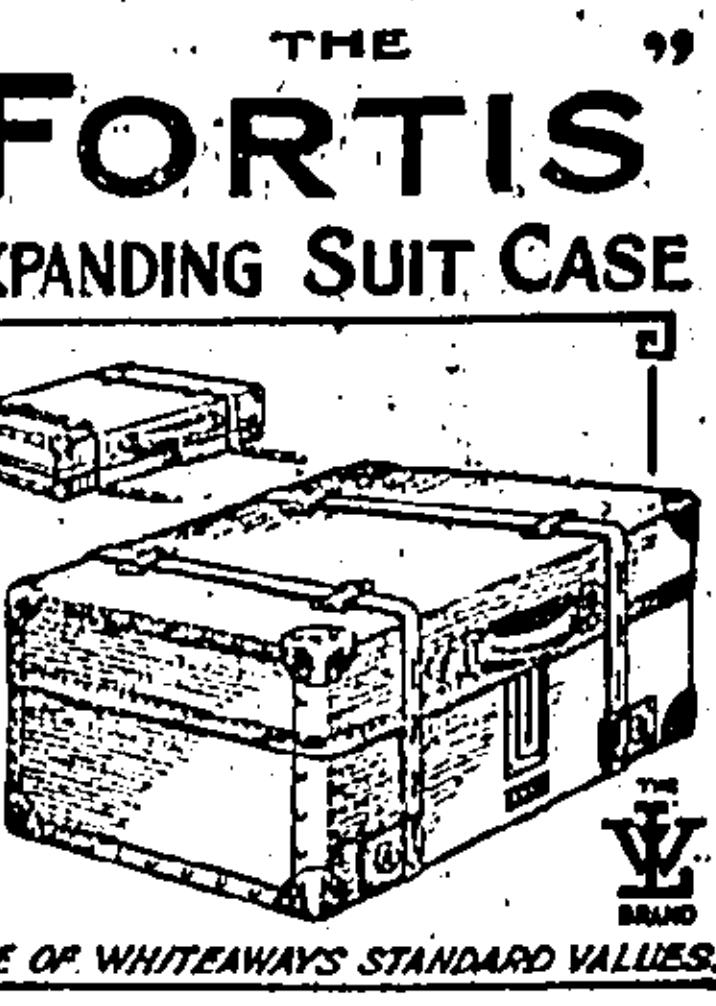
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ability or otherwise of advertisement hoardings is not that of the advertiser or the hoarding "farmer" who collects rents for allowing their erection. It is that of the individual. This is the point that the committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association has always to keep in mind. If the inhabitants on the mainland want these hoardings, let them have them. If they do not want them, then let the K.R.A. continue to challenge their erection, and let the Government give immediate authority for their removal and the cessation of the annoyance.

After all, this hoarding controversy moves around personal opinions as to their desirability and not their necessity. People may come along and preach to us the Cult of the Hoarding, its beauty and pleasing qualities, not to mention its beneficial mental effect. That is all very well. But supposing those who have elected to live in the neighbourhood where the hoarding erectors seek to pursue their good work object to glaring and blatant posters—have they got to put up with it? Most emphatically, we say:—certainly not! The removal of the hoardings, once erected, and "farmed out" to some advertiser or other, is naturally going to incur some monetary loss. But this, we submit, is the affair of the erector and not of the Government or the general public. The authorities, therefore, should not hesitate to order the removal of any hoarding to which residents may object, always provided, of course, that the objection is forwarded through such an accredited body as the Kowloon Residents' Association.

Strange Bedfellows!

Adversity makes strange bedfellows, the old saying goes, and now we read of Chiang Kai-shek appointing himself the guest of Feng Yu-hsiang, who will always be best known to the world as the "Christian General." No matter the result of their confab, it is at least encouraging to find one Chinese warlord willing to trust another without recourse to a retinue of thousands of men carrying Mauser pistols and portable machine-guns. There were times, not so long ago, when it was a favourite ruse with Chinese Generals to invite somebody to dinner, and then after a sumptuous banquet order his execution. Such events were common at Canton, and elsewhere. The practice has fallen into disuse, either because all Generals have become unashamed of invitations to dinner, or because public opinion is making itself felt. In passing, it should be noted that

last summer the "Christian General" went to Hsichowfu to interview Chiang Kai-shek, after which the latter resigned. Now Chiang Kai-shek goes from Hsichowfu to see the "Christian General" and declares that they are brothers. Whether the war against Peking will make more rapid progress as the result of this fraternal feeling remains to be seen.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A LOST THEATRE TICKET.

To the Editor of the "China Mail": Sir,—What would you do in the following circumstances? A theatre ticket for a show was lost by the owner who purchased it at Moutries. The loss was found out on arrival at the theatre and the owner, being known to the ticket seller and after he explained the loss to the manager, was allowed to occupy the seat, ticket for which had been lost. Presently a gentleman came in with two ladies and among the three tickets was the one I had dropped. When questioned if he had the ticket from Moutries, he said that was so. That's that, Mr. Editor. I gave up my seat and purchased a ticket for another seat. Thanking you and enclosing my card,

Yours, etc.,

CHURKIN.

Hong Kong, Feb. 18.

MR. S. PAUL.

GOVERNMENT SERVANT
RETIRING.

WORK FOR BLIND HOME.

Mr. S. Paul, of the Attorney-General's office, who retires from service next month, was recently the recipient of a presentation by the pupils of the Blind Home, Kowloon, to whom he has been a great friend for many years. Mr. Paul was responsible for raising money to purchase violins for some of the girls whom he then taught to play.

Mr. Paul is leaving on March 3 and is settling down in his retirement in Coonoor, Nilgiri Hills, India.

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TWO ROBBERS.

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WING LOK WHARF SEIZURE.

Arrested on the Wing Lok wharf yesterday with 500 taels of illicit raw opium in his possession, a Chinese when charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning said that the drug was brought from Canton by a friend who asked him to take it ashore for him. He did so to oblige the friend. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$1,000, or four months' jail.

FELL ON ROCKS.

A Chinese woman named Ko Hing, living at No. 61, Pokfulam Road, was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to her head received as the result of a fall on some broken rocks outside Mr. Arnold's house, "Rockville," Sauson Road. The woman's condition is stated to be serious.

Captain G. F. Charles, who lives at No. 8, Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon, has reported to the police that some time between 11 and 12 noon yesterday a thief entered his room and stole a liqueur box containing two amber necklaces and a string of coral worth \$30.

SHING MUN WORKS.

COST OF REMOVAL OF
VILLAGES.

PARTICULARS OF SCHEME.

Several villages are being evacuated at Shing Mun to make room for the waterworks scheme in the valley.

The total cost to the Government, according to a report by Mr. J. A. Fraser, District Officer, North, is as follows:

Resumptions for sites \$ 3,899.31

Site-preparation 31,500.00

Wells 2,400.00

Houses 170,148.00

" 8,466.00

Agricultural resumptions 54,122.47

Forestry resumptions 16,250.00

Pineapple resumptions 8,428.00

Fung Shui or fruit trees 2,165.00

Incidental expenses 700.00

\$296,598.78

Description of Villages.

Extracts from the report (which is to be laid on the table at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday) are as follows:

The Shing Mun villages of Shing Mun Lo Wai, Pak Shek Wo, Pei Tau To, Shek Tau Kin, Fu Yung Shan, Nam Fong To, Tai Pei Lek and Ho Pui contain about 355 Hakkas Chinese, mostly named Cheng, but having among them also Cheung's, Ko's, Lo's, Tang's, and Tsang's.

Yours, etc.,

CHURKIN.

Hong Kong, Feb. 18.

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Site Preparation.

The cost of preparing the sites for the new villages is shown in the following table:

Kam Tin \$ 5,000

Tat Sing Kong 1,300

Pan Chung 10,000

Shek Ku Lung 500

Ping Kong 1,000

Wo Hop Shek 1,700

Nam Shui Po 5,000

Fung Yuen 7,000

\$31,500.

This work will be done exclusively by Government, and provision has been made in the 1928 Estimates to cover the expenditure.

Houses.

Free sites are given in exchange for land on which houses now stand and the question of compensation for building land resumed at Shing Mun should not arise.

The existing dwellings at Shing Mun have been measured and it is necessary to provide for the erection of buildings of the same cubic content in the new villages subject only to approval of plans. It is proposed to allow the villagers to construct their own houses, Government paying in accordance with the following table:

(1) Dwellings, by contract (contractors engaged by villagers) as the work proceeds, at a flat rate of 12 cents per cubic foot.

(2) Outhouses, roughly constructed by the villagers themselves, at their value as they now stand in Shing Mun.

There being now 200 dwellings, this works out roughly at \$860 a house including temples, and should ensure a good type of building throughout.

Agricultural Land.

The following is a resume of agricultural resumptions at Shing Mun, which involve the whole of Demarcation Districts 452, 457, 458, 460 and 466.

3.12 acres 1st class

square foot \$ 1,359.06

132.5 acres 2nd class

padi at 1/4 cent a square foot 49,296.92

43.6 acres 3rd class

land at 1/2 cent a square foot 9,487.49

179.22 acres agricultural

land all class \$54,122.47

In default of exchanges, as there is very little occupied agricultural land in the vicinity of the new villages, cash compensation will be paid to enable the villagers themselves to purchase privately-owned land in place of their old holdings. With this end in view, an ex gratia

FINANCE VOTES.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ITEMS.

CHARITABLE ALLOWANCE.

Nine items are to be considered by the Finance Committee, of the Legislative Council, after the Council meeting on Thursday. One of \$200 is on account of 1927 and the other eight come under supplementary expenditure for 1928.

The 1928 items total \$24,869. One of \$2,400 is to cover a charitable allowance of £240 per annum to Mrs. J. A. E. Bullock, which is unanimously recommended by the Finance Committee.

Railway Expenditure.

The biggest item is one of \$9,641 for improvements and alterations to Tai Po Market station, Kowloon-Canton Railway (British section).

Two other votes are also for special expenditure on the railway, namely:—\$2,788 for the locomotive shed, carriage shed and work shop for the Fanling branch line rolling

KOWLOON MATTERS.

Representation On The Council?

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW.

Utility Of Hoardings Discussed At Annual Meeting.

The growing needs of Kowloon in regard to provisions for increased traffic, particularly at the Star Ferry approach, medical attendance, pier and playgrounds were the subject of reference at the annual meeting yesterday of the Kowloon Residents' Association.

Speaking of the non-representation of Kowloon on the Legislative Council, the Chairman (Mr. W. J. Stukes) said that it would be a gracious act on the part of the Government if a Kowloon resident was asked to fill the next vacancy on the Council.

The Chairman was supported by Mr. B. Wylie (retiring Vice-President), Chev. J. M. Alves (retiring Hon. Treasurer), and Mr. C. M. Manners, O.B.E. (retiring Hon. Secretary), while others present were: Messrs. W. S. Bailey, B. Wong, Tape, F. W. Stapleton, J. H. Hunt, F. J. Easterbrook, E. Cock, M.B.E., E. Abraham, the Rev. W. Walton Rogers, the Rev. Father G. M. Spada and the Rev. J. Horace Johnston.

The report and accounts were taken as read. The chairman then read his address, as follows:

The report and accounts deal with the past and on them our reputation must stand or fall, but before proposing their adoption I think a particular reference to some of the salient points will explain the activities of your Committee more clearly than was possible within the covers of the published Report:

Children's Playground.

What we want and want urgently is more playing space for the children where they can play in reasonable safety from the traffic and be reasonably near their homes. The old type of houses with a piece of garden is rapidly vanishing to make room for flats with nothing but a concrete veranda. The unfortunate part of the business is that where there are shady trees there also is traffic. The one children's playground in Chatham Road is not enough nor is it ideal because, of the want of shade in the summer, while the ever-growing traffic along this road is a menace to their safety. Nor can all the children from the scattered homes possibly get there conveniently and could not be accommodated if they did. There are several useful plots of ground which are lying vacant and apparently useless just now. I do not know whether they are owned by Government or by private individuals, but I do know and so do you who are parents that the children of Kowloon are hardly served in this respect. The accessible parts of King's Park are portioned out to the adults, but the children's only place is practically the streets.

Kowloon Hospital.

While the situation of the Hospital is probably a most desirable one for its principal purpose it leaves something of a very important nature unsatisfied. I refer to the fact that, since the closing of the Government Dispensary in Nathan Road, the busy part of the suburb is without any means of affording skilled assistance in cases of accident or sudden illness except at Kwong Wah Hospital.

The Kowloon Hospital has only one resident medical officer so that he could not possibly leave it to attend any sudden call outside without leaving his own particular business in a state of inefficiency.

Some Measure of Relief.

It is obvious that, till a second resident medical officer is appointed to give some measure of relief to the first, the Government Hospital is underfunded. This position is the more acute because of the Government rule that no private practitioners are permitted to attend patients.

I may, possibly, be told that certain of the Fire Brigade staff are trained in First Aid, but, without wishing to detract from their great usefulness in that respect, I submit that it hardly covers the needs of the large number of European residents, especially when it is remembered that, during the working hours of the day, most of the menfolk are as inaccessible as the doctor, and the women and children left to fend for themselves.

"Star" Ferry Approach.

This is a most tantalising and elusive problem. We can all note the congestion of the traffic growing from day to day and the compromise which has to do duty for a real organisation due to the wasteful lay-out of the space available.

Ever since the Kowloon Motor Bus Co.'s first experimental car started to run, on Nov. 25, 1927, it became evident that the lay-out of this important area was unsuitable and matters have been going from bad to worse from then to now.

The Association approached the Government in 1923 with a strong representation for a better approach and departure, by widening Salisbury Road at the west end from 44 feet to about 70 feet, by putting the kerb on the south side back to the line of existing trees, thus making this important thoroughfare parallel for the greater part of its length, which was the evident idea of those who planted them parallel to those on the north side. In addition to this request it was suggested that a system of absolutely gyratory traffic should be instituted.

Lay Out Ill-Conceived.

The Government response to this was to permit the erection of a commercial garage at the very narrowest part of the bottle-neck, the lay-out of which was so ill-conceived that cars entering and leaving it had further to obstruct the traffic during this none too skilfully executed manoeuvre; so that attempt at improvement was a failure.

Kowloon requires and deserves very urgently, as a public pier which is a convenience, and, to be that, it must be in a convenient position, where women and children can get to it and use it without fear and without danger, and in a position where the traffic is not too congested.

The best place for this is facing the foot of Nathan Road, with a level crossing and a foot-bridge over the railway.

Compromise as Solution.

I may be told that level crossings are dangerous and are being done away with on all railways wherever possible. I grant that, but, under the severe necessity for some relief in this urgent matter, the only possible solution being of the nature of a compromise and in this case where it is practically a station yard crossing, with no express trains passing at speed, I think that objection is disposed of to a great extent, and I am encouraged in the view by the fact that the crossing at Holt's Wharf has given satisfaction up to the present.

That serious trouble at the Ferry Approach will come sooner or later, with the present tangled state of affairs, is unfortunately almost certain and it would appear that, until it does, the Government will not stir from its present supine attitude.

Pertinent Figures.

Some figures dealing with the present state of affairs will probably interest you.

The "Star" Ferry carries an average of 25,800 people per day, from 6 a.m. till midnight, with an average of six trips per hour each way—18 by 12 equals 216 trips, 230 passengers per trip. The traffic is not regular, of course, and the bulk of it is carried in the eight rush hours and amounts to approximately 3,000 per hour.

Railway, Buses & Ships.

The Kowloon-Canton Railway carries an average of 3,500 people per day.

To deal with this traffic, 1,256 buses arrive and depart each day.

There are about 250 rickshaws constantly employed, about 40 private cars and about 50 motor cycles, to which must be added a large number of motor lorries and military waggons.

In addition to this there is a constant stream of passengers from vessels at the Kowloon wharves where there are seldom less than three large passenger liners lying alongside.

Only 37 Feet Wide.

The gross area in which this traffic has to be manoeuvred is roughly 69,000 square feet, from which has to be deducted about 11,000 square feet occupied by the ricksha shelter and the island, leaving a net area of 58,000 square feet.

The approach to this is 44 feet wide from kerb to kerb from which has to be deducted two gutters each 2 feet wide thus reducing the available width to 40 feet, part of which is occupied during the rush hours by a line of rickshaws extending to opposite the Fire Brigade station, reducing the available width to 37 feet.

Public Pier.

This subject is a natural corollary to the previous one.

In the first place it is unsuitable and can in no way be considered a public convenience, being altogether too small and in the most inconvenient place in the whole peninsula. It is very difficult of access, both from the land and the water, owing to its position in the most awkward corner of the sadly overworked Kowloon Point. On the land side, the traffic has to approach it by passing the Ferry entrances as well as crossing the bus track afterwards, thus adding to the already congested traffic there. The traffic leaving it has to cross not only the bus and ricksha tracks but has also to pass sharply across the main entrance to the Kowloon wharves, a very hazardous proceeding at all times, and a very special danger to women and children pedestrians.

"Complicated And Dangerous."

It is to be remembered that this is the only means of embarkation for the greater part of the Kowloon residents who may be proceeding to vessels in harbour and the large number who in the summer desire to get to those bathing places which are so popular and necessary.

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to public health and of which there is not a sufficient number accessible without water transport.

On the water side, it is considerably more complicated and dangerous, because boats can only approach it by a method of dodging various other craft having business at the Godowns on the one hand and keeping clear of the Ferry launched on the other.

"Some Old Mist."

The pier is now in "splints" and will eventually emerge as nearly in the old shape as possible, for, although the Government has not yet replied to our letter of enquiry, dated August 10, 1927, it is a matter of general knowledge that there is to be no alteration in its arrangement; merely underwriters report that attempt at improvement was a failure.

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Letters to Government.

You will doubtless have noticed in reading the Report that the following letters, addressed to the Honourable Colonial Secretary were acknowledged and no more:

September 14, 1927—"Street Lighting."

August 10, 1927—"Public Pier."

September 15, 1927—"Ferry Approach."

and, in reply to our letter of June 17, 1927, we were informed on July 20, 1927 that a sessional paper would be issued as soon as plans were sufficiently advanced, but, so far, we have received none.

"Commander Oliver Twist."

We are all quite aware that this Association has no official recognition. It is self-constituted and thus, except for the public opinion behind it, can only be regarded as a kind of communal "Oliver Twist" continually asking for more at the hands of constituted authority. In other words our desires must be made manifest in the form of a plea or suggestion, and the particulars I have just given do not convey the idea that our pleas are any more welcome than were those of Dickens' boy hero.

Ordinary residents of the Colony have no direct representation on the Legislative Council and this and other Associations are the only means whereby matters of local interest can be placed before the Government with any semblance of an opinion considered on broad lines, and thus, if I may say so, cleared of the personal element.

That much progress has resulted from the activities of this Association is generally acknowledged, but a much closer touch with Government is necessary before a satisfactory solution is reached.

Practical Politics.

Under the present constitution of the Legislative Council to visualise the following officers to visualise the greater part of the Kowloon residents is merely a dream, but, to descend to practical politics, it would be well if this now fully grown suburb were represented by some one who has a home and passes at least his leisure hours here; one who is in daily touch with Kowloon matters. Is it therefore not out of place to suggest that the best compromise is that it should be respectfully represented to His Excellency that it would be a graceful act to appoint a Kowloon resident to fill the next vacant unofficial seat on the Legislative Council? (Applause.)

Officers Elected.

The following officers were then elected for the year:—President, Mr. E. Cock; Vice-President, Mr. B. W. Tape; Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. E. M. Terry; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. J. J. Martin; Committee, Rev. J. Horace Johnston, Rev. W. W. Rogers, Messrs. C. M. Manners, J. M. Norona, J. H. Hunt, F. C. Mow Fang, F. W. B. Bailey, F. W. Stapleton, F. J. Easterbrook, B. Wylie, W. J. Stukes, F. H. Crapnell, J. M. Wong, F. W. Pestonji, T. Arnott, and H. F. US.

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CINEMA NOTES.

"THE LITTLE FRENCH GIRL" TO-DAY.

AN INTERESTING FILM.

The new picture at the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow is the screen version of Anne Douglas Sedgwick's novel, "The Little French Girl," which caused a sensation in the world of fiction. Herbert Brenon, who produced "Beau Geste" and "Peter Pan" directed the production, which features Alice Joyce, Nell Hamilton, Mary Brian and Esther Ralston.

February 22—Music, recital, at Helena May Institute, 8.30 p.m.

February 22 and 27—Sixth Dancing display by Miss Violet Capell's Pupils, Queen's Theatre, 6 p.m.

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February 23—Queen's Theatre; "Lovers."

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February 24—Cheer 'O' dance at City Hall, 8.30 p.m.

February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

February 29—Star Theatre; Dancing display by the Pupils of Miss V. Capell, 9.15 p.m.

February 29—H.M.S. "Hollyhock's" ship's Company hold whist drive, at Seamen's Institute, 8.30 p.m.

February 22—H.K. Hockey Club 1st XI v. 1st Batt. Queen's Regt., U.S.R.C., 5 p.m.

February 22—Whist drive at the Cheer 'O' Y.M.C.A., Chater Rd., 7.30 p.m.

February 25—First Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 3—"American" lawn tennis tournament (mixed, doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club, 2.30 p.m.

March 3—Fanling Hunt steeple-chases (Spring meeting).

March 11—Sixth extra race meeting of Macao Race Club.

March 14—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Trevessa" Trophy) starting at 4 p.m.

Lammert's Auctions.

February 27—At 5, Arment Bldg., (Ground Floor), Kimberley Rd., Kowloon, valuable household furniture, 11 a.m.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.

March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situated in Peak District, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

To-day—annual meeting of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, 6 p.m.

To-day—General Meeting of the Royal Artillery Association, R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks, 6 p.m.

February 22—Meeting of Hong Kong Automobile Assn. at Messrs. Jardine's, 6.30 p.m.

February 24—Fourth annual meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong & Territorial Estates, Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., 7 Connaught Rd., 11 a.m.

February 24—Annual meeting of seat holders of the Union Church, Kennedy Rd., 5.30 p.m.

February 26—Ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Corporation, at City Hall, noon.

February 27—The Hong Kong Tramways Limited, hold yearly meeting at Messrs. Jardine's offices at noon.

Reference was made to the minutes of the October meeting when the resolution was sent and Mr. Manners stated that the Committee's attention had been called at this meeting to hoardings which were not considered in any way desirable. Considerable discussion followed and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Colonial Secretary protesting against the erection of hoardings in Kowloon and particularly against the one at the Railway station. Mr. B. Wylie, who was present, asked it to be put on record that he had taken no part in the discussion affecting advertising.

Attractive Designs.

Mrs. B. Thompson asked if the hoarding was more disfiguring than the one there before and if any reasonably minded person could object to it. Attractive designs were replacing the unsightly scenes of old and she had been congratulated by many on the designs of the new hoarding.

Mr. Cock said hoardings in general might be very good from the point of view of the advertising but he challenged at once any statement that any hoarding could be made useful. The hoarding referred to was in the wrong place and if he had anything to do with it on the Committee, would press for its removal. He could not agree that in its attitude the K.R.A. was doing anything irregular. The Committee would deal with matters without fear or favour, not allowing members to grind a personal axe.

Mr. W. S. Bailey expressed appreciation of the way Mrs. Thompson had presented her case and said he must admire her pluck.

The Secretary gave details of the attendance of members of the Committee at meetings and in reply to a suggestion by Mr. Ildefons, the Chairman said it was intended to form a sub-committee to take steps to increase the membership of the K.R.A.

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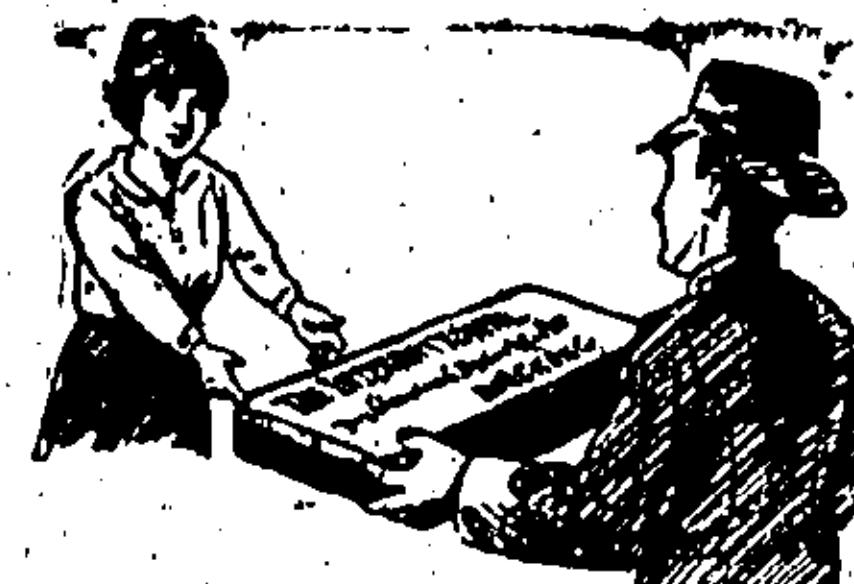
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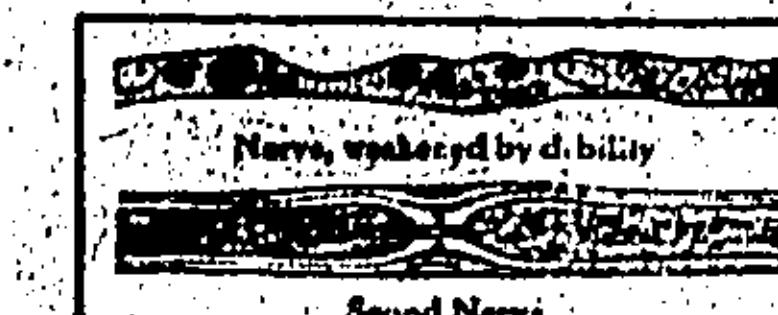
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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A whist drive and dance will be held at the Seamen's Institute at 8.30 p.m. to-morrow.

A body recovered in the Medway off Strood, was identified as that of William Stewart, of Holland Road, Kensington.

The ship "Hakone Maru" brought back Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Goggin to the Colony from London yesterday, after an absence on Home leave.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D'Almada e Castro and Miss B. D'Almada e Castro arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the "Hakone Maru" from London via Singapore.

Sandringham servants, by invitation of the Queen, held a fancy dress ball on Jan. 17. The old palm court was for the occasion converted into a Chinese treasure house with relics brought from China by Prince George.

Mr. K. Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. R. Miller, Mrs. L. B. Wilkinson and Miss C. M. Crawford were among the passengers on the "Hakone Maru" which arrived at Hong Kong yesterday from London via Singapore.

Caught by a sudden flow of molten metal from a blast furnace at the Acklam ironworks of Messrs. Dorman Long and Company, Middlesbrough, Frederick Davies, aged 77, was terribly burned, and has died in hospital.

Mr. R. H. Andrews, who was formerly with the Electricity Department of the Shanghai Municipal Council, left Shanghai last week for South America. Mr. Andrews will spend some time in Japan and the United States en route.

Mr. J. W. Norton left Hong Kong yesterday on the "Hakone Maru" after a brief stay in the Colony. He is with Linotype & Machinery, Ltd., Tokyo, and has been home on holiday, breaking his return voyage at Hong Kong.

Mr. and Mrs. Wong Kam-fuk, Miss Pansy Wong, Professor F. Furuta, Capt. S. Moriya, and Dr. H. Miura were among the passengers on the "Hakone Maru" when she sailed from Hong Kong yesterday bound for Shanghai and Japan ports.

The first performance in the sixth annual display of dancing by Miss Violet Capell and her pupils will be given at the Queen's Theatre at 5 p.m. to-morrow. Coupons for seats should now be exchanged for tickets. Part of the proceeds is for charity.

Admiral Thomas Webster Kemp, who had died at the R.N. Hospital, Chatham, entered the Navy in 1880, and saw service as a lieutenant of H.M.S. "Aurora" on the China Station. He received a special mention for his work during the advance on Tientsin.

The annual dinner of the Hong Kong and China branch of the British Medical Association is to be held at the Hong Kong Hotel at eight o'clock this evening.

To-morrow is Ash Wednesday and the anniversary of George Washington's birth.

Characterising his methods as "a mean way to get money," Judge G. W. King, at the British Police Court, inflicted a sentence of two months' imprisonment on an Indian named Nadi Box Mohammed for selling lottery and sweepstakes tickets on the Chinese New Year races at Kiangwan, in the name of a non-existent Penman Club, to British soldiers.

For stealing clothes belonging to British soldiers billeted at the Palace Hotel Annex, Shanghai, a Chinese coolie, recently dismissed from employment at the Annex, was sentenced, at the Provincial Court, to three months' imprisonment on each of three charges. The Court directed that he should serve a total of eight months' imprisonment.

During the week-end, the police carried out further raids for Chinese communists in the Colony. This time attention was turned to West Point, where two houses were raided. In the first house, a thorough search resulted in nothing illicit being found, but the police detained three suspects for investigation. Five suspects were taken into custody as the result of the second raid.

Major A. P. Hitchens, Mr. & Mrs. P. R. Wright, Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Gowen, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. W. Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Parker, and Mr. J. St. C. Arbutnott, were among the passengers who joined the "President Taft" at Hong Kong and sailed for Manila yesterday. Mr. Hal Roach (the famous screen comedian) and Mrs. Hal Roach continued their journey on the same ship.

Reminder: annual meeting of the European Y.M.C.A. at Kowloon, 6 p.m. to-day.

The Royal Artillery Association is holding a meeting at Wellington Barracks at six o'clock this evening.

The ship's company of H.M.S. "Hollyhook" is holding a whist drive at the Seamen's Institute at 8.30 p.m. to-night.

Reminder: annual meeting of the Hong Kong Automobile Association, 5.30 p.m. to-morrow, in Messrs. Jardine's board room.

The first day of Ramtan the month of fasting in the Mahomedan religion falls to-morrow. At the end of a month, the new year festivities will take place.



Prof. James T. Shotwell, of Columbia University, who in an address in New York declared that the "big navy" plan of the United States is Prussianism. He declared that America will be registered in history as choosing the same course as that on which Prussian militarism launched Germany if the big navy program is carried through the present session of Congress.

With the aid of a skeleton key, a Chinese entered the kitchen of Jordan House, Nathan Road, Kowloon, yesterday. He was caught by the cook, however, and handed over to the police.

A cargo coolie who was working on a lighter discharging cargo from an American ship in harbour, was fatally injured when a motor car which was being loaded into the lighter fell on him as the result of the sling breaking.

At St. Peter's Young Men's Club debate yesterday, the motion "That a University education is not a necessary prelude to a successful career" was defeated. The motion was moved by Mr. R. H. Hollis, seconded by Mr. A. J. May and the opposition was led by the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach seconded by Miss M. M. Clark.



Frank W. Shears, of Boston, who managed President Coolidge's presidential campaign and who is one of his closest personal friends. He is a prominent Boston capitalist.

The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Glover and Mrs. Glover were due to reach Shanghai from Philadelphia on the C. P. O. S. "Empress of Russia" on February 20. Dr. Glover spent ten years in China, about 20 years ago, first in South China, and then in Wuhu and Wuchang, in connection with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Later, he was one of their secretaries, in New York, and then served the Moody Bible Institute for some time as Missionary Department Director.

He is now the Assistant Home Director in North America, for the China Inland Mission, and is on his third or fourth visit to China. He is expected to stay in Shanghai for some weeks and then, possibly, will visit other China centres and may go inland.

Miss Barbara Billas has been adopted as prospective Liberal candidate for East Grinstead (Sussex).

A "Sing Song" will be held at Y.M.C.A., Chater Road and a whist drive to-morrow at the same time.

There was a large attendance of Nationalist supporters to mark the official opening of the new headquarters of the National Club in Sydney.

Mrs. Anita Kerr Price, wife of Lieut. E. O. F. Price, R.N., left Shanghai last week for Hong Kong. After a short stay in the Colony she will depart for England.

The Banvard London Musical Comedy Company sailed for Shanghai yesterday by the "Hakone Maru," after a successful season in Hong Kong and Kowloon.

Mr. Albert M. Guptill, the Shanghai representative of Messrs. McKesson and Robbins, sailed on the "President Madison" on a short business trip to the United States.

The engagement is announced of David Ian Hobkirk, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Ellen Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Edwards, of Maidenhead, late of China.

Georgina Hill, aged 64, who had \$29 in her possession when she was arrested, was at Marlborough Street sentenced to a month's imprisonment for begging in Charing Cross Road.

"Let all labourers unite and fight against the devil" reads one poster found pasted up in the Shanghai Settlement. The identity of this personage has not yet been established.

The Petroleum Export Association of New York has secured a five-years contract to supply all the crude oil and not less than 25 per cent. of the refined products required by Spain.

A cable from New York has been received by the Presbyterian Mission, reporting the death after a short illness of Mrs. Dickson, wife of Dr. John R. Dickson, formerly of Shewchow, Anhui.

Another specimen of the little auk, a bird related to the extinct great auk and a very rare visitor to Britain except in the severest weather, has been picked up dead in Northampton.

We regret to learn that Lady Lugard was lying ill in mail week at her home, Little Parkhurst, Abinger Common, Surrey, suffering from bronchitis and lung trouble and other complications following influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bland Calder left Shanghai for America, sailing to Suez. Mr. Calder, who has been American Trade Commissioner in Shanghai during the past year, expects to spend some months in Washington, D.C.

Riga, Feb. 20.—A telegram from Kazan stated that Fokine, a Russian Communist before the war, but who was until now deputy chief of the Workmen's and Peasants' Inspectorate of the so-called Tartar Autonomous Republic, has shot himself.—Reuter.

The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, is reported by the Chinese papers to have received instructions from Nanking not to visa passports of foreigners desiring to travel in the interior as it is unsafe because of the civil war and bandits.

With the approval of General Yamashita, the new Governor-General of the Seoul Government and the Garrison Headquarters of Korea have made arrangements to use the soldiers posted on the Korean frontier for colonisation of the border on their exemption from active military service.

The manager of the Fook Mow tailor's shop, opposite the Chinese Y.M.C.A., in Bridges Street reported to the police yesterday that one of the shop's customers who settled an account planted six forged \$5 Shanghai banknotes on the unsuspecting manager. It was when the complainant tried to change the notes into Hong Kong money that he discovered that they were counterfeit.

Mrs. R. W. Squires was a passenger on the "President Madison" leaving Shanghai for the United States. Earlier in the week Mr. Squires also left for the United States, sailing via Suez. While in America Mr. and Mrs. Squires will attend the commencement exercises at Princeton University from which institution their son Charles Squires will be graduated in June of this year.

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SPORTS

SHIELD TIES.

Two Sparkling Matches To-morrow.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CUP.

Scotland's Team Chosech For Saturday.

By "Rover."

Hong Kong Football Shield ties down for decision to-morrow (kick-off 4.15 p.m.) are as follows:

Hong Kong F.C. v. 2nd Batt. K.O.S.B. Regt., H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. J. Baldwin; Linesmen, Messrs. Hollands and Omar.

Hong Kong Police v. 1st Batt. Queen's Regt.; Referee, Mr. Smith. Linesmen: Messrs. Kinsella & Presley.

The venue of the Police v. Queen's Regt. match has not been decided and may be at Kowloon which will give the Peninsula football supporters a fine afternoon's sport. The K.O.S.B. v. Club match, on form, looks certain for the Regiment, but the Club will make a good fight, and are hoping to field a good side which should thoroughly extend the Borderers.

The Police found their newly arranged team just good enough to secure the honours on Saturday and bar accidents, they will be unwise to make any changes. Huson got the goal necessary on Saturday and Recreio found the Police defence could do the rest. Albeit Recreio did not field a full side, notable absences being Xavier, Carvalho and Brown and these defections seriously affected Recreio's chances of a win.

The great match at Sookumpoo ended as I anticipated. The Athletic cannot afford to spare a man out of their usual XI because the combination suffers all round. Wong Pak-chong is a veteran, and is not a great centre-forward, but his worth to the Athletic is inestimable, and herein was the secret of the Borderers' success. The Regiment deserved their win and, bar accidents, should go through to the final, their game at present being a very attractive one, and they are reaping the reward of patient trying.

The Police did quite as well as I expected and Howarth is now proving his value. If the Police wingers will get the ball over smartly, Howarth, Hudson and McEreevy will do the rest. I look to the Police to get through Wednesday's round, although the Queen's are a nippy lot and will not miss many chances.

Kowloon pleased their supporters with a very bright display on Saturday and, with a solid defence and bright inside forwards, are an enterprising team. I do not think the Kowloon wings are up to the standard of the rest of the team, and Pile's temporary breakdown is bad luck as he is one of Kowloon's most promising youngsters with youth on his side and bags of football in his play. The R.A.F. of Saturday last were not the team which swamped the Recreio, at King's Park a few weeks' back, and are evidently suffering from loss of prominent players, particularly at half-back and at left-wing. Bennion and Constable being greatly missed.

The Guards v. R.A. game was, if anything, the real cup-tie of the day. From the opening movements of the game the spectators knew they were in for a real slogging struggle, and although R.A. were the first to bombard the goal through clever work by Leech and Hill, the Guards attacked spiritedly through Peacock and Smith, and Hirst and Johnstone with hefty kicks kept the ball well up the field. With plenty of good rousing football, up and down the field, the R.A. play was always more methodical, in fact at times their movements were too studied for effectiveness against hustling defenders like Carswell, Scott and Hurst and a draw seemed certain, but a really fine shot from Pulford (who was fed forward by Leech) beat Jackson all ends up, and R.A. looked good winners. The closing thrill was a massed effort by the Guards with the veteran, Carswell, in the thick of the scrimmage, and I was amongst those disappointed when Mr. Smith decided against the goal, as it was a real cup-tie effort, and deserved a goal. However, the Guards will concede, on the day's play, the R.A. were the better team and will be a hard team to remove from the competition. The chances of an army final are very strong.

On Saturday next a rare tit-bit is down decision when the elect of Scotland's representatives locally will meet China on Club ground, in the final of the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup, when it is hoped all probably the first week in March.

HOME FOOTBALL.

Sixth Round F.A. Cup Competition.

HOW CLUBS ARE PAIRED.

Spur Travel North To Visit Huddersfield.

London, Yesterday.

The draw for the sixth round in the competition proper of the F.A. Cup, was made to-day at the Football Association's offices and resulted as follows:

Blackburn v. Manchester United. The Wednesday or Sheffield United v. Notts Forest. Huddersfield v. Tottenham Hotspur.

Arsenal v. Stoke.

The ties will be played on the ground of the first-named club on Saturday, March 3.—Reuter.

THE LEAGUE.

Second Division Leaders Checked.

London, Yesterday. Matches played in the Football League (home team mentioned first) resulted as follows:

Division II.—Barnsley 4, Port Vale 2; Stoke 1, Chelsea 0.—Reuter. The table for this division is now as follows:

Division II. Goals.

P. W. D. L. P. A. Pts.

Chelsea 23 17 6 5 65 28 40

Manchester 23 17 4 6 69 42 38

Preston 23 16 6 5 64 40 38

Leeds 23 16 5 7 72 50 37

Oldham 23 15 6 7 55 33 36

Stoke 23 15 5 6 52 40 35

West Brom. 23 12 8 9 67 52 32

Notts. Forest 23 12 6 8 63 50 30

Bristol C. 23 12 6 11 62 56 30

Port Vale 23 12 2 13 49 44 28

Swansea 23 11 6 11 55 53 28

Hull 23 9 10 7 33 34 28

Grimbsy 23 10 8 10 45 56 28

Barnsley 23 9 7 13 33 63 25

Notts. C. 23 8 8 12 45 51 24

Reading 23 8 8 13 45 50 24

Southampton 23 8 7 14 45 50 23

Clapton O. 23 9 5 14 45 62 23

Blackpool 23 9 6 15 55 76 22

Fulham 23 8 5 15 53 67 21

Wolves 23 7 5 15 42 72 19

S. Shields 23 3 6 20 40 35 11

LOCAL HOCKEY.

SIM SHIELD MATCHES CONCLUDED.

Matches in this season's Sim Shield hockey competition have been concluded; the Hong Kong Hockey Club playing a draw of one goal each with the Royal Air Force at the U.S.R.C. yesterday. The airmen scored in the first half and the Club drew level in the second. The final table reads:

Goals.

P. W. D. L. P. A. Pts.

The Army 6 5 0 1 24 11 10

Royal Navy 6 5 0 1 24 6 10

H.K. Hockey Club 6 1 1 4 9 20 3

Royal Air Force 6 0 1 5 5 25 1

The Army defeated Royal Navy 2-1 in the play-off.

The Club and R.A.F. each lost twice to the Army and Navy. The Army and Navy beat each other once in the competition proper.

The Club beat the R.A.F. and also drew with them.

The Club won the Shield in 1925, the first year of the competition. The Navy won in 1926 and 1927 and the Army this year, after the play-off. The R.A.F. entered for the first time this year.

Varsity Team.

The following will represent the University against Club de Recreio, to-morrow, at 5.15 p.m. on the University ground:—K. P. Gan; C. W. Lam; F. Hiptoola; M. B. Osman, A. A. Rumjahn, C. P. Lim; G. S. Scully, Y. C. Teh, G. E. Yeoh; K. T. Loke, B. N. Sudan.

The South China Command golf tournament is being held to-day.

Hockey reminder: Hong Kong Club 1st XI v. 1st Batt. Queen's Regt., at U.S.R.C., 5 p.m. to-morrow.

ground records for attendance will be easily beaten.

Scotland will be captained by Jim Stewart of the Club and the team will be as follows:

Rodger (Club); Gardner (K.O.S.B.); Hirst (Scotts Guards); McBride (Club), Stewart (Club) captain, McElvain (Kowloon); Campbell (K.O.S.B.); Aird (Scotts Guards); Toal (K.O.S.B.); McGlincy (K.O.S.B.); Rev. Alexander (K.O.S.B.).

Reserves:—Carswell (Scott Guards); Farlowe (Royal Navy); Oram (Police); Alexander (Club); McElvain (Scotts Guards).

After the Club v. K.O.S.B. 2nd round shield match to-morrow, at Happy Valley, the H.K.F.C. will draw the semi-final ties in the Shield competition to be played

FANLING HUNT.

SHEUNG SHUI PAPER CHASE.

SUCCESSFUL RUN.

A field of 27 faced the starter for the paper chase, held at Sheung Shui on Sunday last. The paper had been laid by Mr. Erskine, who was the winner of the last paper chase, and he chose a course far different from the point to point course he laid us at Lok Ma-Chau a fortnight ago. Unfortunately he had to shorten the course he had originally chosen, on account of the swollen state of the river, and the finish was some little way from Sheung Shui.

Among the starters we were pleased to see several new faces, this being the first appearance of Messrs. Crawford, Davidson, Sturt, Anderson and Wallis: Those keen lady riders, Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Chubb and Mrs. Lloyd, were also out, and it is hoped that in the near future enough ladies will come out to warrant the inauguration of a special Ladies' race. There was a large naval contingent, and as usual the army was well represented.

Mr. Maitland, who has ridden with such remarkable success at the recent meeting at Happy Valley, was out on Nobleman, and we were sorry not to see any of the other Shanghai jockeys among the field, as their views on the sport here as compared with Shanghai would have been very interesting.

27 In The Field.

The field consisted of the following:— Bayliss—Blotting Paper. Macnamara—James Pigg. Sturt—Fox-trot. Mrs. Sheldon—Two Step. Stanton—Chin Shan. Mrs. Chubb—More Better. Heaton—Cavirane. Bolton—Nimrod. Hunter—Durian. Hight—Masked. Backhouse—Country Mouse. Morgan—Pekin. Miller—Rupert. Hayley Bell—Shady Joe. De Villiers—Carno. Wallis—Why Not. Maitland—Nobleman. Potts—Cragavard. Drummond Murray—Alhambra. Crawford—Scampendale. Davidson—Vincent. Russell—Conquistador. Duran—Drake. Anderson—Honeymoon. Mrs. Lloyd—Kwong Sai. Reidy—Loch Rannoch.

The Run.

There was little delay, and the field were despatched to a good start, the order of the ponies changed frequently near the start, on two or three occasions the leaders took the wrong course, and had to turn back.

The spectators had little chance of seeing the race, and it was not until the ponies came over the hill near the finish that they had any idea of the leaders. As soon as they became distinguishable, it was seen that Miller and Backhouse were the two most likely to fight out the finish, and they eventually finished in the order mentioned, with very little between them. Messrs. Morgan, Duran, Wallis, Hayley Bell, Drummond Murray and Potts were all in close attendance, and Mrs. Sheldon was the first of the lady riders to pass the post.

Everyone who has hunted with the Fanling Hounds was delighted to see Miller, the huntsman, ride the winner. We can never thank him sufficiently for all he has done for the hunt. Morgan (the first whip), on Pekin, was close up, and he is another who has put heart and soul into his work.

Once again Colonel Hayley Bell, who won the heavyweight point to point at Lok Ma-Chau, was the first of the heavies to pass the post, on Shady Joe. This pony seems to be at the top of his form just now, and is probably one of the cleverest we have at Fanling.

There were far fewer jumps than is usually the case, and most of the falls were caused by ponies putting their feet into Chinese graves.

Mrs. Paterson is off to Shanghai on Wednesday. She has been one of the most consistent followers of the hounds, and we can ill afford to lose such a good supporter. She has frequently led in winners at Kwanti, and the popular "black, yellow sash, collar, cuffs and cap" will be sadly missed there. We wish her the best of luck in Shanghai.

The authorities again ask all jockeys to ride in hard hats, as the course is often extraordinarily hard, and several riders this season have had cause to thank themselves that they were wearing suitable head protection.

No less than 72 different jockeys have ridden in steeplechases at Kwanti, and there is a chart in the book showing how they have fared. Mr. Reidy is the champion jockey, with over a dozen wins.

A tremendous amount of care and trouble has been taken in the compilation, in order to make the book as complete as possible, but should anyone notice any omissions or inaccuracies, the Masters of the Fanling Hounds would be obliged if they would communicate with them in order to have them corrected in future editions.

This book contains the results of all races since the opening of the Kwanti Course, and also an index which gives, at a glance, the performance of every pony that has run there. This should prove extra-ordinarily useful to those who like to have a flutter at the races, and to owners who wish to see the form of ponies entered against

BILLIARDS.

CHINA SQUADRON TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

DESTROYER FLOTILLA.

At the Royal Naval Canteen on Sunday evening, the billiards championship of the Destroyer Flotilla, China Station, was decided when H.M. ships "Thracian" and "Soppy" met in the final, which resulted in a win for the "Thracian" by a narrow margin.

The competition had been very keenly contested throughout, but some difficulty was experienced in bringing the various teams together on account of the exigencies of service.

Individual Finalists.

On Sunday evening the individual billiards championship of the China Squadron was also decided, the finalists—Sick Birth Petty Officer Pyne (H.M.S. "Ambrose") and E. R. A. Davies (H.M.S. "Titania")—meting at the Chief and Petty Officers' Club in the Naval Dockyard. Pyne won by 68 points after a well contested game.

St. Patrick's Club.

At the same Club last night, billiards enthusiasts were treated to another fine game when the C. & P.O.'s Club were at home to a team from St. Patrick's Club in a friendly team match. St. Patrick's Club won four out of the six games played and returned a total of 805 points to their opponents' 682. The teams were:

Finishing. Corrected.

"La Giralda" (3rd) 4.12.05

"U. & I." (2nd) 4.12.05

"Norwegian" (1st) 4.59.34

"Queen Bee" (4th) 5.16.46

"Typhoon" (5th) 5.18.08

"Cirrus" (6th) 5.44.25

[Course: around Hong Kong Island, (starboard).]

Chinese Rig.

TIMES.

Finishing. Corrected.

"Adele" (2nd) 3.49.43

"Ship" (3rd) 3.41.55

"Imogen" (1st) 3.48.39

"Queen Bee" (4th) 3.47.51

"Lola" (5th) 3.48.57

"Wings" (6th) 3.49.29

TIMES.

Finishing. Corrected.

"Adele" (2nd) 3.47.05

"Boojum" (3rd) 3.47.24

"Blue nose" (4th) 3.47.51

"Lola" (1st) 3.48.57

"Wings" (6th) 3.49.05

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FUTURE OF RADIO.

IS IT MAKING US
LAZY?

EFFECT ON MENTALITY.

What does "wireless" hold for the future of the race? What is wireless doing to the mentality of to-day? Is wireless making broken crockery of the British imagination?

I ask those three questions because of certain observations gathered both here and in the United States during the last two years. And I am interrogative, rather than didactic.

When I speak of "wireless" I am not blind to the phenomenal benefits which it has conferred upon mankind generally or to the sometimes excellent contributions coming over it. I am rather concerned with what it is doing to-day inside the homes and the brains of the British people—its effect upon the mind of the rising generation, and still more with what it is likely to do to-morrow. "Wireless," with its splendid potentialities, seems to me rather like "The Woman Who Took the Wrong Turning" in the melodrama of that name.

It might have been turned to the finest of popular educators. Well, what has it become?

None of us, I imagine, can be blind to the fact that men and women of thought and understanding in our day every now and then are apt to curse rather than to bless wireless broadcasting. Within a generation it may quite possibly be that if wireless pursues its present path our descendants will have still more reason to curse it with bell, book and candle.

Is the Novel Going?

As a novelist the first thing that set me thinking furiously, and in more senses than one, upon all this was the notable decline in the circulation of the serious novel last year—in individual cases from one-third to one-half. That is decline in the form of literature that matters more than anything else as a stimulant of thought. Publisher after publisher told me that, whilst certain "popular" novelists, writing on the surface of people and things, still held their own, the really serious novel had within the last few years often had its sales cut almost in two. One of my own friends, a fine artist, told me that one of his last novels had sold perhaps 15,000 copies, whereas he has had a 50,000 circulation.

"People cannot be bothered," one of these publishers said, "to read books that take time and thought when they have the giddy wireless waiting at their elbow."

I do not suggest that fewer serious novels are bought than before the howlings of wireless were heard in the land, but I do say that fewer of such books are borrowed from libraries or friends by the boys and girls of to-day than, say, fifteen years ago.

Even allowing for the enormous increase in the output of novels (some three thousand a year in this country), the vast majority of them of the slushy-sentimental or "penny-dreadful" (crime) type, this makes serious reading. The country which refuses to take its novelists other than as buffoons or tradesmen is in a bad way intellectually. For the novel proper is almost the only mirror of life as it is lived.

It is all very well to say that nobody is compelled to take up the wireless receiver lying to the hand. No, but for millions to-day for whom wireless has become obsession it is impossible to resist that temptation. The real danger, however, is that wireless does not give youth chance to think its own thoughts and to use its own brains. It superimposes. It "extraverts." For extraversion is one of the outstanding features of our age.

Packed Dance-Halls.

So far as the sales of educational books are concerned, I think it will be found that, allowing for increase of population, there has been a decline in many directions. One of the heads of a great London publishing house said to me the other day, "We have been fortunate ourselves. But there is probably a falling off in the sales of books of

the educational type which at one time appealed to the ambitious boy or girl who had left school and wished to advance themselves. Wireless and the cheap film are responsible for this."

I am not in a position to state positively that the classes in the continuation-and-extension schools show depletion, as no exact comparative and up-to-date figures are available, but it is obvious that the boys and girls of this generation cannot be in two places at once. The picture-palace, like the dance-hall, is packed to the doors with the youth upon whose brain and brawn the country will one day have to depend. And to all this is added the waste of wireless, with its millions of "fans."

If the roofs could be lifted from England's homes to-night, there would be found hundreds of thousands of boys and girls from 15 to 25 "listening in." For vast numbers the cheaper cinema or broadcasting are their only sources of information and of understanding. To live life one must understand life. How far does broadcasting help in such understanding?

The truth is that the British imagination to-day is broken crockery. A bit of this and a bit of that. A snippet of this and a snippet of that. On the "wireless" a really sound and interesting exposition by a writer may be followed by the very cheapest of revue or music-hall songs. And as the average mind is incurably lazy and impatient of new ideas, the broadcasting companies are apt naturally to take the easy road and supply "what the public wants" or what they think it wants.

The result is patent. The craze for "lightness" and "pleasure" has reached the stage when it demands "snappiness" before everything else.

Mental Rickets.

This serving up of "peptonised pap" is having a transient, one hopes not a permanent, effect upon the British mind. In the world physiological the feeding of infants upon peptonised foods leads inevitably to rickets. May not the persistent serving of peptonised wireless to the people lead as inevitably to mental rickets? Abroad rickets is known as "the English disease." Let us trust that the country which has produced some of the world's greatest thinkers may never be known in this connection in the world of ideas.

A certain process has been taking place in this country which has escaped the attention of the man in the street. That is the process of standardisation.

"Wireless" runs on its present lines, one ventures to think, enormously accelerates this process. The Englishman (the Scot and Irishman to a much less degree) is slowly but surely being "Americanised."

When youth, impressionable youth, night after night hear the same type of song and the same flaccid exposition over the "wireless" and in the cheaper picture-palaces sees the same inane "fashion-plate" piece and reads those standardised "captions," is it not natural that its thought should become standardised?

Walk through the streets and do some "listening in" yourself in cinema or dance-hall, and you will hear, as I hear, exactly the same phrase used ad nauseam, and the same gramophone voice. For the gramophone voice is part of the new standardisation, especially in the younger Englishwomen.

The Power of a Voice.

Wireless has placed in the hands of the Average Mind a terrible weapon. The men who are directing "wireless" to-day are largely of the Great Average. What they say goes. Where the day before yesterday the orator could influence hundreds, the wireless of tomorrow will be influencing its tens of millions. The power of what I will call the "topical" is one of the most seductive of all powers, and the power of a single voice over the "wireless" to colour—(great heavens! if sometimes they only would introduce some colour, one might forgive them) the story of a street riot in New York, a massacre

in China, or that nightly massacre of ideas which occurs in the British Parliament, is the most tremendous power ever wielded by a single human being.

Now, if the mind behind the voice is standardised, then the millions of listeners intend to become standardised—for, indeed, the people in the mass take what is given to them without question. If the failure of democracy in its older form and in our day has proved anything, it has proved that. Therefore, it is vital to the whole future of Great Britain that the mind behind the wireless shall not be standardised.

We are living in an age of standardisation. Our food, our clothes, our amusements, and now our "wireless" is standardised, as in America. There, assuredly, youth of both sexes, is being slowly but surely standardised—and the wireless is the Standardisation King.

Some of us would, if we could, save the youth of England from this fate. But we cannot. For youth only can save itself. Yet may we not give youth a chance?

Give it a chance by giving it over the wireless, as in the amusement palace, the best, rather than the mediocre? Give it a chance to read and to study the printed word, for which neither wireless nor anything else can prove substitute? Give it a chance, in a word, to escape standardisation as large portions of the youth of the United States have not escaped it.

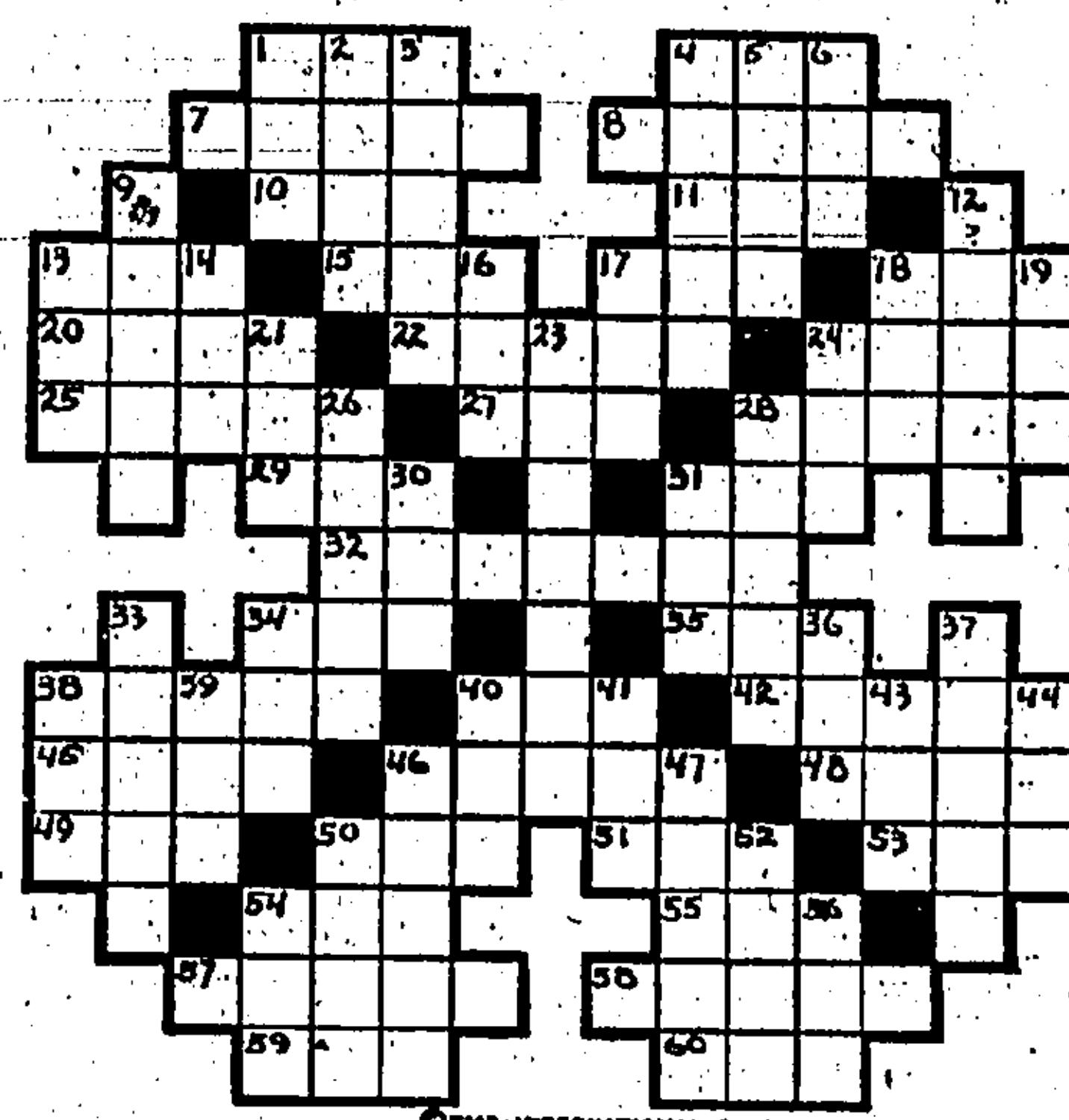
For, if England ever reaches that stage, then God help England—Shaw Desmond in the "Evening Standard."

WIRELESS LESSONS.

CATERING FOR THE "GET-AT-ABLE" AGE.

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A PEACEMAKER.

WHAT IS WANTED IN CHINA.

A BOLD MAN.

Blessed shall be the peacemaker, for he shall be beloved of the people, and his name shall be written in characters of gold in every Hsieh throughout the land! Who is there big enough, strong enough, and bold enough to stink all personal ambitions for the good of the people? Where may he be found that the people may acclaim him as one of the greatest if not the greatest hero in the history of China? He must be a bold man, since he must risk the hate of those who would grow fat and wealthy as the result of internal discontent and civil warfare! He must be one in whom the love of the people subordinates all personal ambition. He must be one brave enough to condemn warfare, and point out to the brave warriors who from positions of safety gloat over the deaths of their soldiery inasmuch as each man killed is another man defrauded of his pay, which goes to swell the bank account of the safety-seeking Generals and higher commands. The angel of peace must indeed be brave to face the cunning revenge of such men! Dangerous as is the task, there are many brave men in China, and as many self-disinterested men in China to-day as ever there were in the past.

Li Hung-chang.

The great Li Hung-chang was a brave man, and boldly faced the opprobrium of all his petty critics when he preferred the paths of peace and the battles of diplomatic words to the ways of bloodshed and shot and shell. Though it would be difficult to find a greater man, and possibly as great a man, as Li Hung-chang, there still must be many Chinese, both of the old school and of the new school, endowed with sufficient genuine patriotic spirit to attempt to emulate him as the apostle of peace.

Every day the strife is prolonged means a greater step towards the weakening of China. Every man who to-day stands calmly by and sees the devastation being wrought in China by the present strife is, though he may not think it, as much traitor to China as those actually urging on the warfare for their own selfish ends.

Who is the man, military or civil, who has the grit and the patriotism to step forth and call upon all parties to down arms in the interest of the Chinese peace-loving citizens?

Chiang Kai-shek.

Evidently Chiang Kai-shek thinks the possible Angel of Peace may be that present-day most-beloved-of-all Chinese leader, General Wu Pei-fu as Chiang Kai-shek and his gang of politicians have publicly ordered the arrest of Wu Pei-fu. Wu Pei-fu has more than once announced his desire for peace in China, but no one has ever heard in any "Manifesto to the People" from Chiang Kai-shek any desire for anything else but fighting, whilst all the time he takes the greatest care to secure his safety far from the sound of battle. Marshal Wu Pei-fu was a good and able soldier.

He was more, he was a good man at heart, and it finally grieved his good heart to see all the distress brought upon his fellow-countrymen by continuous civil strife. Can the men who have ordered the capture of Marshal Wu Pei-fu lay any claim to such thought for the interests of the people? If they did, there would be no fighting to-day, and there would be no over-swollen bank accounts like that of the man who banks in the name of "Jen Chih Kung Ssu." Those millions in that fictitious name brand one as an exploiter of the people, whilst urging the capture as traitor of Marshal Wu Pei-fu, whose love for the people has left him poor man. It is for the people to say who is the traitor: Jen Chih Kung Ssu who urges his countrymen to fight that he may amass millions, or Marshal Wu Pei-fu, a poor man who prays for peace to come to the land!

People Want Peace.

The people want peace, and they want as their leader the man who is strong enough to denounce the fighting and urge the cause of peace. Can there be any other man than Marshal Wu Pei-fu to take upon his shoulders the task of the Angel of Peace in China? If not, then the people must urge Wu Pei-fu to come from his retirement, and become the master-mind of peace-loving China, although he proclaims the fact that he is merely a soldier and has no experience of statesmanship. Wu Pei-fu is loved and trusted by the people for his strict sense of justice and honesty. They would hail him willingly as their greatest hero if he were to come from his retirement, and seek to foster a lasting peace.

Blessed, indeed, will be the peacemaker, and thrice blessed will be he if he saves the country from further misery—Shanghai Mercury.

BIG APPETITE.

AGED MAN PRAISES WORK AND SPORT.

106 YEARS' OLD.

Nottingham. — Mr. William Walker, of Headon Terrace, Wilford Road, Nottingham, who is said to be the oldest man in England, was 106 on January 16. He explained that he attributed his long life to hard work, games whenever he could play them, and plenty of good food.

He still takes a hearty interest in his meals, and his daily bill of fare would horrify most old people. He begins with two cups of tea at four or six in the morning, according to the time, his grandson has to leave the house for his work in a coalmine.

Bread And Cheese.

A pint of new milk at nine is followed by bread and cheese and beer at eleven. Meat, vegetables, and milk pudding form a substantial meal at two o'clock, and at half-past four he has two more cups of tea, bread and butter, and pastries. Mr. Walker is very fond of sweet pastries, especially with jam. At nine he has a piece of pork or sausage and half a pint of beer.

Mr. Walker is a great believer in pork. "What is nicer for supper than a pork pie?" he asked. "I think pork is the best meat you can get."

He is a cricket enthusiast. "It is the greatest game in the world," he declared. "I used to play with the Parris here in Nottingham."

"I began work when I was 12, and worked until I was 86, as a bricklayer. I only left off then because they wanted to take a halfpenny an hour off my wages because I was so old, and I went on strike and have not been back since, though I could lay bricks now if I wanted to."

Cheap Breakfasts.

"I worked in London for a long time, and helped to repair the Guildhall. The best thing I remember about London is the cheap breakfast I could get—a cup of tea for a penny, a rasher of bacon for a penny, and bread for a half-penny. I don't suppose you can get a breakfast like that now."

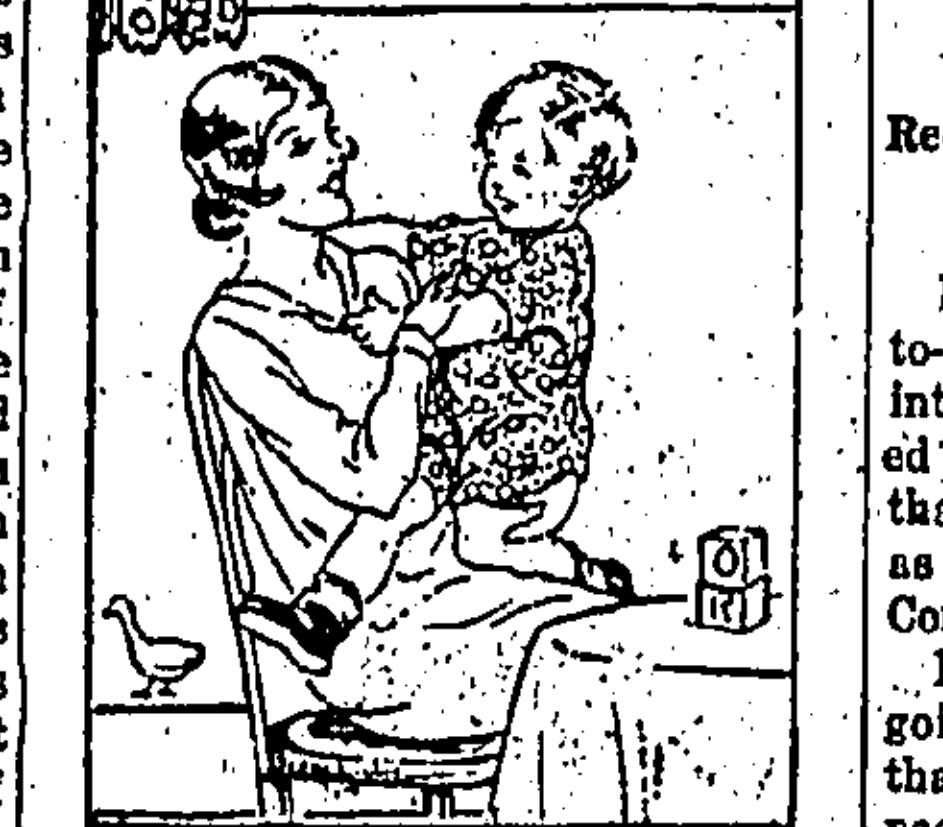
BURIED TREASURES.

GLOZEL CONTROVERSY.

London, Dec. 28. The Paris correspondent of "The Times" states that the publication of the report of the international commission, discrediting the Glozel archaeological discoveries, does not mean that the controversy has been ended. On the contrary the protagonists are preparing to plunge into the fray with renewed ardour, and increased bitterness. It is said that the commission has been over-discreet, and has not supported its conclusion by positive, and unanswerable evidence.

Dr. Morlet, who originally made the discoveries, has issued a statement in which he says that he is determined to defend the authenticity of the discoveries. He also attacks individual members of the commission.

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MISSION HOMES.

2,000 CHINESE TROOPS LEAVE WUSHI.

STAY OF NEARLY A YEAR.

Wushu, Feb. 11. The soldiers who have been in Wushu for almost a year have all gone to Shanghai and Hankow. There were about 2,000 of them, and they have occupied most of the Mission property, as well as many Chinese homes.

"Do Not Spit."

Since their departure, the Sixth Division of the Independent Army has come, but it is understood that they will not be allowed in the city, and outside of the city they will only occupy public buildings.

St. Andrew's Hospital, which is so popular with the community, is ready for repairs and a thorough cleaning, though among the numerous posters in the wards one said: "Don't spit on the floor."

Hospital's Re-opening.

All eagerly await the return of Dr. Lee and the re-opening of the hospital. Frequently one hears: "Having had such a hospital and knowing its worth, Wushu can't get on without it," and "There isn't anyone who won't welcome Dr. Lee back."

The contract has been given to build a large concrete bridge near the railway station at a cost of \$24,000, and it has been proposed that every factory employee give one day's wages towards the expense of it. The Labour Union is protesting against this.—"Shanghai Times."

Note: Wushu is a thriving industrial and railway town about 100 miles west of Shanghai.]

HULLO AUSTRALIA!

PROPOSED WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE.

London, Dec. 29. The possibilities in 1928 include wireless telephony to Australia. The date of its accomplishment depends on the result of Signor Marconi's experiments, the apparatus for which will not be completed until the results of the experiments with the Canadian beam service are known.

The Australian Press Association understands that the British Post Office official will announce within a few weeks that they have achieved perfectly secret trans-Atlantic wireless telephony by means of disintegrating and "turning over" the sound waves at the transmitting point and piecing them together again at the receiving point.

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DAME NELLIE MELBA.

Re-appearance As Opera Director.

Melbourne, Jan. 4. Dame Nellie Melba announced to-day that she had decided to go into the grand opera being organised by J. C. Williamson, Ltd., and that the company would be known as the Melba-Williamson Opera Company.

Dame Melba said that she was going in an artistic director, and in that way only. She would not appear as a prima donna, unless it was in an effort for charity. She would leave on the "Niagara" on Monday on a trip to Honolulu, returning at the end of February and it was hoped that the opera season would open in March.

She said that she was full of enthusiasm, and she would be glad of the opportunity to introduce Mr. John Brownlee, of Geelong, a baritone who had become famous the world over. She predicted for him a great future. He would appear in "Thais," in which he made a great success in Paris and "Lohengrin."

The season would open with "Turandot," Puccini's last production.

TUTANKHAMEN'S TOMB.

Further Discoveries.

Cairo, Jan. 3. In continuation of his investigations of Tutankhamen's tomb, Mr. Howard Carter has opened the antechamber, in which he discovered a beautiful alabaster canopy jar containing the King's viscera, and also valuable tomb furniture.

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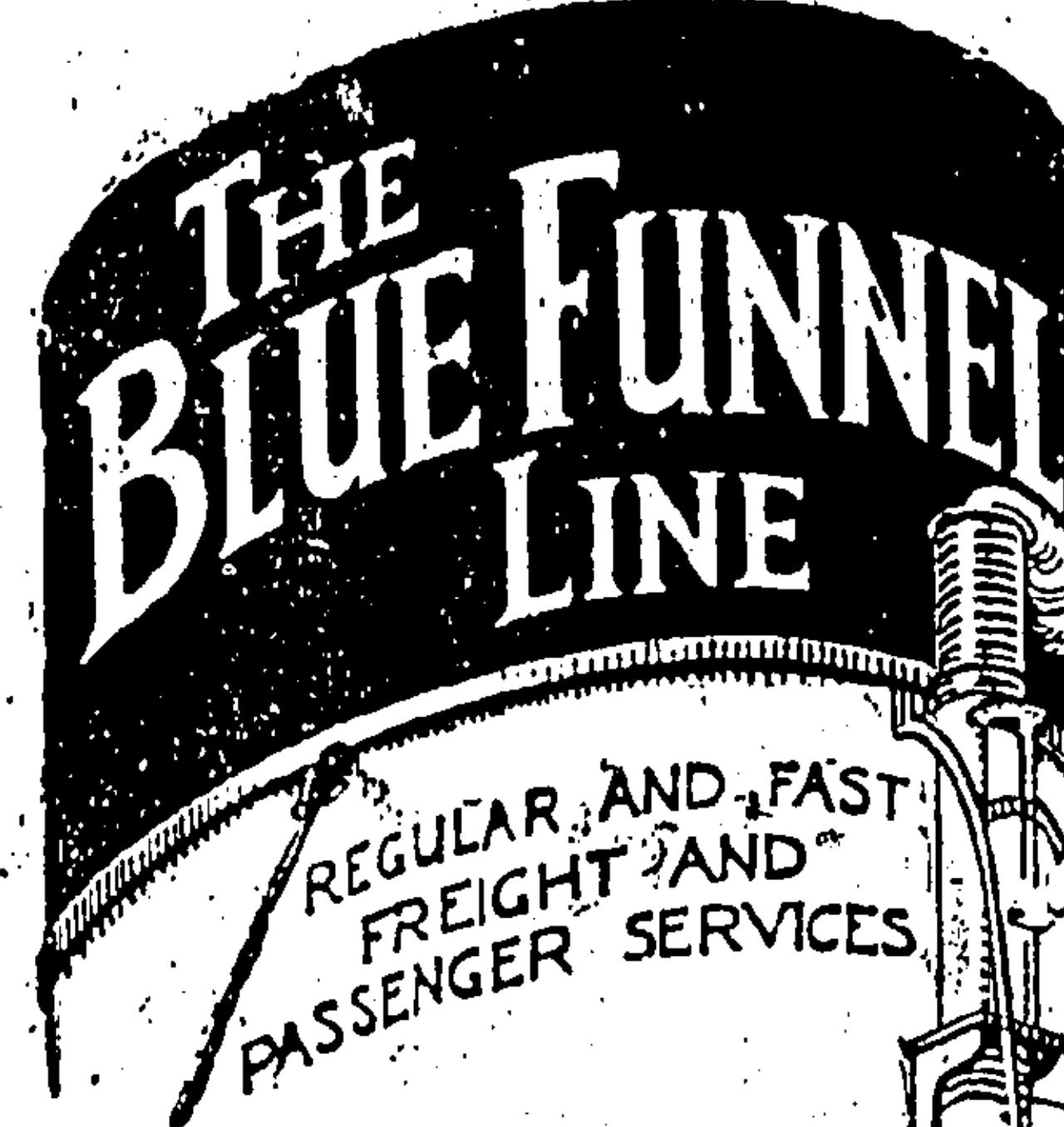
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QUIET ELECTION.**PROGRESS OF JAPANESE POLLING.****TOKYO SCENES.****CONSTANT STREAM OF VOTES AT OVER 40 STATIONS.**

Tokyo, Yesterday. Reports from various parts of the country indicate that the election has been carried out smoothly and quietly, though it is feared snowstorms in the north-west districts and in Hokkaido deterred a large percentage of voters from attending the polls, especially in the mountainous areas where the long and arduous journeys are entailed.

At 40 odd polling stations, scattered throughout Tokyo, there was a constant stream of voters from early morning, and a mixture of clothing indicating the democratic nature of the present election, frock coats, coolie jackets, lounge suits and the flowing kimono all being intermingled.

Polling ceased at 6 p.m. and the ballot-boxes will be opened at 8 to-morrow morning when counting will commence.

The first results will probably be known by the evening though the final results are not expected till the 23rd inst.—Reuter.

PHONE WIRE THIEF.**SIX MONTHS FOR TWO LOTS.****P.W.D. AND MILITARY.**

In Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning, there was a sequel to the many recent thefts of telephone wire in Shaukiwan and districts, when a Chinese was charged with the theft of three pounds of Government wire and three pounds of Military wire.

With regard to the Government wire, Mr. G. W. R. Griggs, Sub-Telegraphic Engineer of the P.W.D., said that during the last few weeks the Government had had a lot of trouble with the theft of wire connecting the Shaukiwan Police Station and other places in the districts. The telephones were continually being reported out of order in the mornings, and as quickly as the wire was repaired it was cut down and stolen during the nights. The last theft of wire occurred last Saturday night when some 320 yards were cut from four Government lines.

HOW ARREST WAS MADE.

Sgt. W. Bent of the Royal Corps of Signals gave evidence with regard to the Military wire. He said that the Military had eight lines in Shaukiwan and since January 30 there had been constant cutting and stealing from these lines. The last theft was between last Saturday and Monday when about 160 yards of wire was cut down.

A Chinese detective deposed to arresting the accused in Tai Shek Street, Saiwanho, at 12.30 a.m. on Saturday. He received information whilst he was on Main Street and went with the informer to Tai Shek where the accused was pointed out to him. Accused was walking along the street carrying a bag in his hand, and when this was opened it was found to contain telephone wire.

Previous Conviction.

Sergeant Meadow of the Shaukiwan Police Station said that he visited the spot where the wires had been cut and found that seven or eight strands had been broken. Some of the wire was hanging from the poles whilst some lengths had been cut and carried away. After the accused's arrest the witness again went with him to the spot and there found a long bamboo pole hidden in the undergrowth. This the witness suggested could be used for hooking the wire and breaking them by means of a forked branch tied to the end of it. No instrument for cutting the wire was found.

The accused was convicted, and after Sergeant Meadow had proved a previous conviction in 1926 for unlawful possession, the Magistrate passed sentence of three months' hard labour on each charge, the terms to run consecutively.

SENNAR DAM.**FEEDING EGYPT WITH WATER.****QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.****HUGE RESERVOIR GREATLY INCREASING EGYPT'S WATER SUPPLY.**

London, Yesterday. The Foreign Secretary was asked in Parliament about the capacity of the Sennar Dam in relation to the requirements of the Sudan Gezira and how the method of operating the dam affected the navigation on the Nile in Egypt and the supply of irrigation water during summer.

He replied: "The quantity of water stored at Sennar last year exceeded the requirements of the Sudan Gezira by 40,000,000 cubic metres and it is estimated the same surplus will be available this year for the benefit of Egypt. Were the Sennar Dam not in existence this additional supply would have already flowed unused.

"FRESH, FAIR."**STRONG MOONSOON OVER THE CHINA SEA.**

N.E. winds, fresh, fair, is the Observatory's weather forecast, till noon to-morrow.

The mid-day report reads:—The anticyclone has weakened. It is now central to the east of Shanghai. A depression is shown to the N.E. of Japan. Strong monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

to the sea, so that the Dam, so far from damaging Egypt, has hitherto had the effect of increasing her water supply at a period when it is most required. Arrangements for filling and emptying the Sennar reservoir both last year and this year were especially designed to meet Egypt's requirements. They were submitted to and approved by the Egyptian Ministry of Public Works.

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THOMPSON ISLAND.**CLAIMED BY BRITAIN AND NORWAY.****DISCOVERED IN 1825.****ONLY ONCE SIGHTED SINCE BRITISH SKIPPER SAW IT.**

London, Yesterday. Viscount Sandon asked the Foreign Secretary what information he had regarding the existence of the Sennar Dam in relation to the requirements of the Sudan Gezira and how the method of operating the dam affected the navigation on the Nile in Egypt and the supply of irrigation water during summer.

He replied: "The quantity of water stored at Sennar last year exceeded the requirements of the Sudan Gezira by 40,000,000 cubic metres and it is estimated the same surplus will be available this year for the benefit of Egypt. Were the Sennar Dam not in existence this additional supply would have already flowed unused.

He replied that Thompson Island was first discovered by Captain Norris in December, 1825, and had only once been sighted since, namely by Captain Fuller, an American seaman in 1893.

The Island was unsuccessfully searched for in 1898 and in 1926, but in view of Captain Norris's definite statement and confirmation afforded by Captain Fuller, there appeared to be no ground for questioning its existence, although there was some degree of uncertainty regarding its position.

The British Government had informed the Norwegian Government that they considered the title acquired by virtue of occupation of Bouvet Island by Captain Norris in 1825 to be valid and that in the circumstances they must formally reserve all their rights in connection with that Island.—British Wireless Service.

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